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INTERMENT AT BEMERSYDE AT OWN WISH.

IRREPARABLE LOSS.

London, Jan. 31. Although the Dean of St. Paul's had accepted the Government's request for the burial of Earl Haig at St. Paul's Cathedral, it was announced later that the deceased Field-Marshal would, in accordance with his own wish, be buried at his Scottish estate, Bemersyde. There will be no service at St. Paul's.

Lying in State.

London, Jan. 31. It is now authoritatively announced that the remains of Field-Marshal Earl Haig will be buried at Bemersyde, in Scotland, among his ancestors, and not in St. Paul's Cathedral, as expected. This is stated to be in accordance with his own desire as expressed in his will.

To-morrow and Thursday, the body will lie in state at St. Columba's Church, Pont Street, London, which Earl Haig attended. On Friday, a short service will be held at this church to be attended by members of his family and relatives, and this will be followed by a public military funeral service at some church in London yet to be decided—possibly Westminster Abbey. The body will afterwards be taken to Bemersyde, where interment will take place on Saturday.

The French Government has appointed Marshal Foch and Marshal Pétain to represent it at the public military funeral, and M. de Fleury, the French Ambassador in London, will personally represent President Doumergue. The Belgian Government has also appointed a mission to attend.

French and Belgian Sympathy.

The French Ambassador in London to-day conveyed to Sir Austen Chamberlain, the heartfelt sympathy of the French President and Government on the occasion of Earl Haig's death. M. de Fleury stated that the whole of France regretted deeply the passing of the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in France.

M. Jaspard, the Belgian Premier, has telegraphed to Mr. Stanley Baldwin: "Deeply moved by the death of Earl Haig, I beg Your Excellency to accept my sincere condolences. The loss of the illustrious Field-Marshal affects not only the British Empire, it is felt keenly by all my compatriots who treasure the memory of the incomparable services rendered by him to our common cause." The British Premier replied offering his sincere thanks, and adding: "My countrymen will value highly the sympathy of their Ally and the generous tribute which Your Excellency pays to the services of the late Field-Marshal."

U.S. Tribute.

Mr. Kellogg, the American Secretary of State, has telegraphed to Sir Austen Chamberlain: "May I express through you to the bereaved family and the British people the deep sense of loss experienced by the Government and people of the United States in learning of the death of Field-Marshal Earl Haig? The American people have grateful recollections of the splendid spirit of unity which existed between Earl Haig's forces and the American troops during the World War and sympathize most deeply with the British nation at this time."

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied offering the sincere thanks of His Majesty's Government for the condolences of the Government and people of the United States on the irreparable loss sustained by the British Empire, and adding: "In this hour of sorrow, the British people join with you in commemorating the splendid spirit of unity which subsisted between the British forces under Field-Marshal Earl Haig, and the American forces."

U. S. TO BUILD MORE SHIPS.

JONES BILL PASSES THROUGH THE SENATE.

COOLIDGE OPPOSES.

A situation, intriguing to American shipping circles, is likely to arise as the result of the passing of the Jones Bill by the U. S. Senate yesterday. For months it has been quite clear that the Coolidge Administration desires to get the Government-controlled vessels off its hands at the earliest possible moment. Millions of dollars have been lost by the U. S. Government in controlling the shipping, and President Coolidge has again and again expressed his opinion that the sooner the vessels are disposed of, the better.

The new Bill goes to the other extreme and advocates the expenditure of \$250,000,000 in the course of the next fifteen years on building up a powerful mercantile marine, and maintaining it under Government control through the U. S. Shipping Board. The voting in the Senate yesterday is shown in the following cable:

Washington, Jan. 31. The Senate by 53 votes to 31 has passed the so-called Jones Bill, in spite of the announced opposition of President Coolidge.

The Bill provides for the building up of the Government-controlled mercantile marine fleet through a fifteen-year replacement programme, totalling \$250,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NORWAY'S LABOUR GOVERNMENT.

ACTIVITIES ON SOCIALIST LINES.

Oslo, Jan. 31.

The new Labour Government has issued a manifesto in which it is stated that the Government intends to substitute a State Monopoly of the corn trade for the present law imposing an import duty on foreign wheat.

The Government does not intend to hold any military training this year, while it expresses itself as in favour of complete disarmament.

Political circles express the opinion that the Labour Government will be short-lived.—*Reuter.*

RUSSIAN "STOLEN OIL."

VEXED QUESTION TO BE DISCUSSED?

New York, Jan. 31. Financial circles are most interested to learn that Sir Henri Deterding, the head of the Royal Dutch-Shell interests, is departing for New York this week.

The visit is being taken as indicating that *pourparlers* will shortly be opened between the Royal Dutch and the Standard Oil Company of New York in order to settle the vexed question of the Russian Oil purchases.—*Reuter.*

U.S. ARMY ESTIMATES.

APPROPRIATIONS BILL BEFORE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 31. The annual Army Appropriations Bill reported to the House of Representatives by the Appropriations Committee involves a total expenditure of \$4,339,000,000, an increase of \$3,654,000.

The sum includes the expenditure of \$80,433,000 for non-military activities, for example, the improvement of harbours and rivers, \$24,850,000 on the Army Air Corps, and \$33,981,000 for Coast Defence. The Bill provides for a standing army of 113,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GREEK LOAN OVER-SUBSCRIBED.

New York, Jan. 31. The American portion of the Greek Loan was quickly over-subscribed.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DOUBLE ESTATE DUTIES.

BELL-IRVING WILL INVOLVED.

WIFE'S EARLY DEATH RAISES CURIOUS POINT.

APPEAL IN COURT.

Litigation involving the will of the late Mr. John Bell-Irving, and the duties subsequently paid on the estate, was commenced in the Supreme Court, before Sir Henry Gollan this morning, when an appeal was made from the Hongkong Estate Duty Commission arising out of a decision as to the amount of duty to be paid on the death of the late Mrs. Isabella Bell-Irving. The appeal was made by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., being for the respondents.

Mr. Jenkin explained that in 1884, Mr. John Bell-Irving, in contemplation of marriage with Miss Isabella Thornton, executed a deed of settlement whereby he settled certain shares, then valued at \$30,000 and also conveyed to pay over certain cash amounting to \$20,000 to certain named trustees for the benefit of the parties, as set out in the settlement.

The husband was to get the life income from this fund and then the wife. It would then go to the children appointed either jointly or by the survivor of the union. No appointment took place under these powers, and so, in default, the property would pass, on the death of the wife and would then be in trust for the children in equal shares.

Died Almost Together.

The parties were duly married and they lived together until 1925. The husband died on July 30th of that year, and his wife followed him very rapidly, dying on August 10th in the same year.

On the death of Mr. Bell-Irving, the Estate Duty Commission claimed duty from the principal value of the settlement funds. This was paid, the Estate Duty on the whole local estate being about \$125,000. The lady died ten days later and the Crown again claimed full Estate Duty upon the funds. Mr. Jenkin said that, on the face of it, this would appear extremely hard, if not clothed with some improbity. The Chief Justice mentioned that a similar case arose during the war when, until the law was amended, the Crown was entitled to claim on the estate of those killed in action.

Ground of Appeal.

Continuing, Mr. Jenkin said the grounds of appeal were that the Estate Duty was payable under a different section of the Ordinance, and, secondly, that, in any event, no duty was payable on the \$3,000, for the reason that the annuity was not in any part charged upon or derived from property in Hongkong.

Dealing with the annuity, Mr. Jenkin said this was for \$3,000 and provided by the husband for his wife under a will. One part of his agreement would be that it was charged on property situated outside Hongkong, and therefore no Estate Duty was payable on it. Under the will, all the property in Hongkong and Shanghai was placed in the hands of foreign trustees. They had to transfer the whole of it to general trustees, but this had not been completed. Certain of the proceeds had been transferred. His argument would be that the annuity was charged on the general estate, which was not affected by the will.

Between the death of the husband and wife, no monies or proceeds of the local estate were transferred to the general trustees by the foreign trustees, and, therefore, whatsoever was due to be paid to the lady, in the ten days between the deaths, would be derived solely from the estate in the hands of the general trustee. Mr. Potter accepted this as a fact. The case is proceeding.

BURMA TRAIN SMASH.

FINAL CASUALTY LIST.

Rangoon, Jan. 31. The Burma Railway Company's final list of casualties shows that in the recent train smash, when the line was tampered with, was forty killed, eight seriously injured and twelve slightly injured.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN RAILWAY PROJECT.

CAPITALISATION OF SHARES ON BIG SCALE.

REICHSBANK SUPPORT.

Berlin, Jan. 31. The German Railway Company's intention to offer a \$100,000,000 loan in America having been nullified owing to the objections of Mr. Parker Gillet, the Agent-General for Reparations, it is now announced that the Company has decided to obtain the money by capitalising part of its preference shares.

The Company still possesses 1,119,000,000 marks worth of this stock.

A group of German banks, headed by the Reichsbank, has undertaken to take over immediately 100,000,000 marks worth of the preference shares, which will be

IMPROVED FEELING IN SHANGHAI.

Chinese Accept Council Seats.

Shanghai, Feb. 1.

The leaders of the Chinese Community have decided to recommend the payment by the Chinese of the increased Municipal rates, and propose accepting the three seats offered them on the Municipal Council at an early date.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

offered to the public in the form of Reichsbank certificates at 93½ per cent.

The Reichsbank has also agreed to capitalise the Company to the extent of a further 100,000,000 marks in the course of the next few months.—*Reuter.*

TRAIN DISASTER CAUSE.

SLEIGH HORSE TEAM RUNS AMOK.

Ottawa, Jan. 31. It has now been established that a team of horses which ran amok with a heavy sleigh was responsible for the accident to President Cosgrave's special train yesterday.

One of the sleigh-runners got jammed in the railway points which were forced open. The sleigh was extricated before the train came along, but the condition of the points was not noticed until the train was derailed.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AFTER FIVE YEARS' IDLENESS.

SYNDICATE PURCHASES STEEL PLANT.

Toronto, Jan. 31. A syndicate representing British, Canadian and United States capitalists is taking over the plant of the Baldwin Canadian Steel Corporation, which, valued at \$3,000,000 has been idle for five years.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LIBERAL PAPERS JOIN HANDS.

APPEARING TO-DAY AS ONE JOURNAL.

London, Jan. 31. The famous Liberal morning newspapers, the *Daily News* and *Westminster Gazette*, have been amalgamated and will appear to-morrow as a single journal.—*Reuter.*

CUMBERLAND AT GIBRALTAR.

Gibraltar, Jan. 31. The new British cruiser, H. M. S. *Cumberland*, arrived here to-day on its way to China.—*Reuter.*

NINGPO STEAMER PIRATED.

LOOT TOTALS OVER \$30,000.

OFFICERS KEPT UNDER PISTOL POINT.

MERCHANT KILLED.

Dressed in silk gowns and having the appearance of prosperous merchants, six armed Chinese obtained complete control of the steamer *Dong Hai*, plying between Ningpo and the Pootoo Islands, shot and killed one man, a wealthy merchant, shot and seriously wounded the ship's cook and escaped with loot totalling over \$30,000, according to advices received at Shanghai on Saturday last from Ningpo, where the pirated steamer is now lying.

After shooting the cook in the hand and jaw, one of the pirates, presumably the leader, with a true Robin Hood gesture, bowed low, apologized, explained that it was a "mistake," and handed the cook \$10, instructing him to go to a hospital to have his wounds treated.

The pirating of the *Dong Hai* is but one of several piracies reported in this section during the past fortnight. One ship was twice the victim of pirates in one week and on the last occasion was so thoroughly looted and damaged that she is now lying at anchor below the Ningpo Bund undergoing repairs.

First-Class Passengers.

The *Dong Hai* is owned by the Ning Hai Company of Ningpo and regularly operates between Ningpo and the islands. The six pirates sailed on the steamer as first-class passengers and attracted no attention, their demeanour indicating that they were respectable, well-to-do merchants of the better class.

Less than an hour after the vessel had left Shusan, the six men quietly took up key positions on the ship, produced pistols and took complete charge. Three men were detailed by the leader to guard the Captain, the Chief Engineer and the open decks while the other three began a careful, systematic search of cabins and passengers for loot.

Wealthy Chinese Killed.

The pirates went to the cabin of a man named Chen, a wealthy Ningpo resident who is manager of a shipping concern. Chen was roughly ordered to leave his cabin. He was so frightened by the appearance of the pirates and their threatening gestures with their guns that he could scarcely move. Rising to his feet Chen looked helplessly into the face of one of the pirates, hoping to find mercy. The mercy extended him was in the form of a pistol shot. The bullet entered Chen's head, causing instant death. The pirate murderer calmly searched Chen's clothing and removed all money and valuables. Other shots were fired and during the shooting the ship's cook was twice wounded.

After collecting some \$30,000, chiefly China New Year collections, the pirate chief ordered the captain to "sail toward Sz Chiao and Wang Lung. The captain was forced to comply and upon arrival found a large sailing junk awaiting the pirates.

Before quitting the steamer the pirates removed parts of the operating gear of the ship, and then instructed the captain to remain where he was until morning. The junk quickly hoisted sail and disappeared.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA AGREE.

EXCHANGE OF TREATY RATIFICATIONS.

Tehran, Jan. 31.

The ratifications of the commercial, security, neutrality, fishery, and customs treaties between Russia and Persia, and also the Boundary Protocol, are being exchanged to-day.

The Persian Foreign Office is giving a banquet in honour of the members of the Soviet Embassy in celebration of the occasion.—*Reuter.*

A RUSSIAN JEW'S EXPLOITS.

JUMPS FROM TRAIN TO ELUDE "RED" CAPTORS.

VAGRANCY CHARGE.

Described as a political refugee, Isaac Erman, a young Russian Jew, who said he was born in Minsk and was educated in the University in that town, appeared before Major C. Willson this morning on a charge of being found in the Colony without employment, and without visible means of subsistence.

It was stated that Erman, who is an ardent Zionist, incurred the hostility of the Reds through his political views, and was banished with a number of others to Siberia. Before the journey to Irkutsk was accomplished, Erman made a spectacular escape from his guardians by jumping from the train. He eluded efforts at recapture, and made his way to Harbin from where he shipped for Shanghai. It was Erman's intention to go to Palestine, but his journey was broken here through financial stress.

The Police stated that it was possible that the Jewish organization in Shanghai might like to help Erman if he is able to convince them of his bona fides. Meanwhile he is being detained in the House of Detention, an order to that effect being made by Major Willson at the close of the case.

U.S. BONDHOLDERS PROTEST.

ISSUE OF SOVIET RAILWAY BONDS.

New York, Jan. 31. As a result of the strong protests by holders of Imperial Russian Bonds, long in default, the State Department has been communicating with the Chase National Bank with regard to the sale in the United States of Soviet Railway Bonds.

The Chase Bank recently advertised that it would provide for the service, principal and interest, in dollars, on the bonds sold by the Soviet to individuals through the post.

The State Department has not yet made any official pronouncement in connexion with the matter, but it is known that officials are following it up closely.—*Reuter's American Service.*

STEEL CORPORATION SLUMP.

WALL STREET STARTLED BY THE EXTENT.

New York, Jan. 31. Although unfavourable figures were anticipated, Wall Street has been startled by the annual report of the United States Steel Corporation, which shows that the earnings decreased by \$43,000,000, compared with 1926.

The Corporation's net income declined by \$29,000,000, while the earnings for 1927 were equivalent only to \$8.80 per share on the common stock, compared with \$17.90 in 1926.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AMERICAN RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA.

GIRLS' SCHOOL IN TURKEY PROSCRIBED.

Constantinople, Jan. 31. Following the conversion of four Turkish girls to Protestantism, the Turkish Government has ordered the closing of the American School for Girls at Broussa, for alleged religious propaganda.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH WIRELESS TO U. S.

Paris, Jan. 31. The capital and other towns will shortly be enabled the use of the wireless telephone to New York by means of ordinary cables to Rugby and thence by wireless to Houlton, Maine, thence, again by cable to New York. A three-minute call will cost \$16.—*Reuter.*

SWATOW'S FEARS ALLAYED.

"IRONSIDES" SUFFER DEFEAT.

GOOD WORK BY WONG SHAO-HUNG'S FORCES.

RETREAT TO KIANGSI.

Swatow, Jan. 31.

The conflicting reports of the movements and fortunes of Chang Kai-shek's "Ironsides" appear now to have been due to a real uncertainty as to the outcome of the attempt to bar his road. His Army at first put up an excellent fight, and succeeded in defeating the troops of both Chin Chi-tsang and of Chan Ming-shu's 11th Army. These were indeed badly cut up, and have not yet recovered, but are making their way in some disorder to Hweilchow.

The situation was saved by the despatch of reinforcements from Wong Shao-hung's troops from Canton. With their assistance the scale was turned and Chang Kai-shek decisively defeated. With his retreat to Kiangsi, the Swatow-Chaochow district is freed from present uneasiness, although he has left sufficient men stranded on the way to give Wong Shao-hung still much to do before the district is settled.

Wong For Swatow.

The Commissioner of Defence here has received a wire to be ready to receive Wong with his Staff and a Brigade of troops at any time now. It is understood that he will now be quartered at Swatow, while Chan Ming-shu retreats with his army to Hweilchow "to rest."

The commander of the 13th brigade of Wong Shao-hung's Army is said to be at Kityang, and to be expected at Swatow immediately. Presumably they come from the front.

The Catholic village which was on trek has now mostly arrived in Swatow, and over 600 women and children, and 300 men are being temporarily sheltered by the Catholic Mission. They have put out an appeal to the authorities to deal with the Hai-Luk Fung districts.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Chan's Troops Move.

Chinese reports from Canton state that, accompanied by an army of 3,500 men, General Wang Shao-hung left Canton on Monday morning for the East River district to direct military operations and to relieve General Chan Ming-shu who, according to current reports, will be coming back to Canton soon.

General Li Chai-sum, it is said, will hand over most of the administrative work of the Canton Government to General Chan Ming-shu immediately upon his arrival in Canton, while General Li will concentrate all his energies on the Canton Political Council and on Army matters.

It will be recalled that it was largely due to the assistance of General Chan Ming-shu, a Cantonese militarist, who ruled Fukien, that General Li Chai-sum's army was able to return to Canton when the "Ironsides" troops left the city. Since then, General Chan has remained in the East River districts fighting the fleeing "Ironsides" remnants.

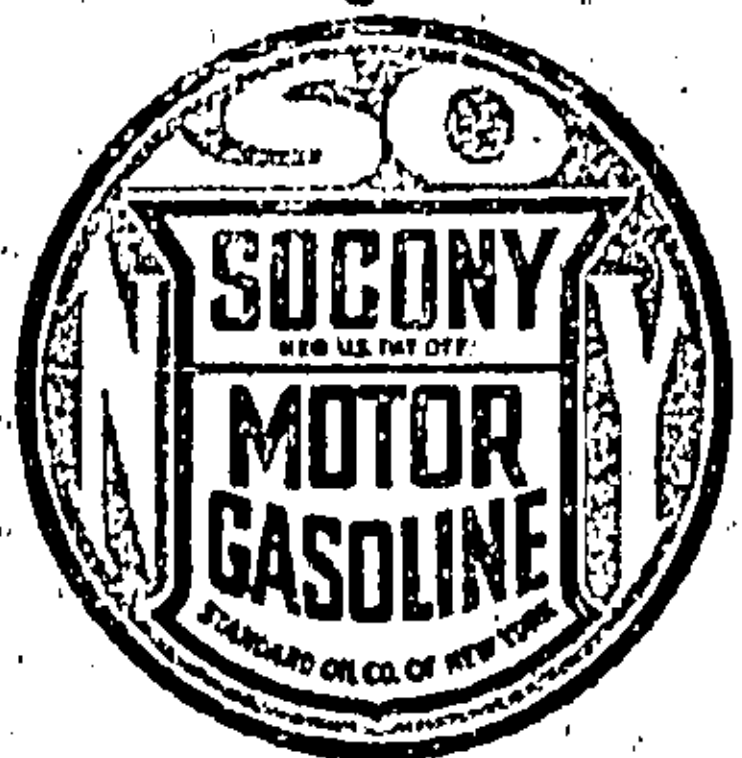
Dispelling Rumours.

Meanwhile, the Chinese papers not favourable to the Canton Government, published reports of Chan Ming-shu desiring to have a share in the governing of Kwangtung and entertaining the idea of throwing in his lot with the "Ironsides." But Chan and Li have continued to work in harmony and the statement attributed to Li Chai-sum yesterday morning that he had decided to hand over to General Chan Ming-shu the administrative work of the Canton Government will, it is believed, dispel these rumours.

Recently the Kwangsi-ites have wielded considerable power inside the Kuomintang, controlling almost the whole of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hupeh and Hunan. Consequently the jealousy of political enemies has been aroused and their catchword is "Down with the Kwangsi-ites!" The plan of Li Chai-sum is probably to invite Chan Ming-shu to share in the administration of Kwangtung as a means of checking the "Cantonese" propaganda of his opponents.

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POLICE RESERVE.

OFFICIAL INSPECTION YESTERDAY.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, The Honourable Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe yesterday afternoon inspected the Hongkong Police Reserves at the compound in the Central Police Station.

There was a smart turnout of officers and men from the Chinese and Indian divisions and a fairly representative number from the Flying Squad. The newly-formed Sharpshooters' Company was not represented.

Commander G. B. Hartford, R. N., Commandant of the Hongkong Police Reserves was present, other officers included Mr. Bishen Singh, and Dr. S. W. Tso, Honorary Commissioners, Mr. F. Mow Fung, Mr. Sirdar Khan and Dr. G. H. Thomas, Assistant Superintendents of Police (Reserves) and Inspectors E. Mow Fung, Chau U-teng and Khanwa Khan.

The C. S. P. accompanied by the Commandant and the Indian and Chinese Commissioners as well as the various instructors of the Force inspected the different Companies. Mr. F. Mow Fung conducted the C. S. P. on his inspection of the Chinese Company, Mr. Sirdar Khan accompanied Mr. Wolfe through the Indian ranks and Dr. Thomas through the lines of the Flying Squad.

After the inspection, the various ranks marched passed, the C. S. P. taking the salute from the steps of the building which houses his office. The various divisions then formed a hollow square and the Captain Superintendent of Police addressed them as follows:

History of the Force.

"It gives me very great pleasure to be able to be present to-day at your first annual inspection. I am very pleased to say that the turnout, considering the short time you have had for training since the formation of the Reserves, is very satisfactory indeed. I think this is an occasion, being the first time that you have been inspected, on which I should say a few words concerning the formation of the Police Reserve and the history of events which led up to it."

You will remember that during the past four or five years the troubles in the adjoining provinces have made it necessary to keep the special constables constantly at the call of the Captain Superintendent of Police. Since 1922, practically, and certainly since 1925 the special constables have been on the roll of the Police and could be called up at any moment. It seemed obvious that as a certain number of auxiliaries were there ready to help, they should, if possible, be formed into some unit which might be even more useful than the special constables, who although always ready and willing, have not the necessary training to be of the same amount of use as a trained unit.

It was therefore considered advisable to form a Police Reserve Company somewhat on the lines of the Police Reserve which existed during the Great War. I should like this opportunity of thanking those gentlemen who so gallantly came forward and assisted in starting the present Police Reserves. They and I knew that there would be large numbers of men in the Colony, and not only amongst the special constables, who are prepared to give up a certain amount of time to become more fully acquainted with police duties so as to be of use should trouble threaten. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking, particularly, Dr. S. W. Tso for the splendid manner in which he came forward, assisted by Mr. Mow Fung, (A.S.P.) to start the first Company of Police Reservists, the Chinese Company. Thanks to their efforts we have now a Company close on a hundred strong. I should like to thank also, Mr. Bishen Singh, the honorary Commissioner of the Indian contingent and Mr. Sirdar Khan, Superintendent of the Indian contingent, for their great assistance in forming

the Indian Company, which is an entirely new unit. I think I may say, in the Police Reserve.

The Flying Squad was, as you will remember, a part of the special constable organisation. I should like here to congratulate Dr. Thomas on the excellent work he has done, assisted by others, in organising the Flying Squad, which has been of the greatest use to the Police during the last two years.

Colony's Greatest Help.

You will understand that we are at the beginning of a new movement. The Police Reserve has just come into being and I should like you and your friends to support this movement as it is one which will be, and as it already has been, of the greatest help to the Colony in time of trouble. You have just started your training, do not think that that is all. You have done very well indeed as a start but you have still to get experience and I want you all to persevere in order to gain that experience as time and occasion allow.

I should also like to say one word to the Flying Squad. I have thanked them and shall always be grateful for the excellent work they have done but I should like to impress on them that they must comply with the ordinary requirements of the Corps as a whole and they must become efficient in their ordinary drill, ordinary theoretical work and ordinary police work. When they comply with this, I shall then have no hesitation in declaring that they are the most excellent squad in the world.

Sharpshooters.

The Police Reserve is in its infancy at the present moment and is 200 strong. I regret that the Sharpshooters' Company under Mr. Dovey, are not on parade to-day. They have only recently been organised and as they have only just started work they have no uniform and consequently it is not possible for them to be present. I shall have the pleasure of inspecting them later. I want to thank Mr. Dovey for the help he has given me in starting the Company."

Continuing the C.S.P. said that he aimed to get a small body of efficient men rather than a large body of men who only appeared on the register. He wanted men who were keen and ready to turn out and to give their time. He said that working on that principle, they have started on the right lines and they have now an organisation which bid very well for the future.

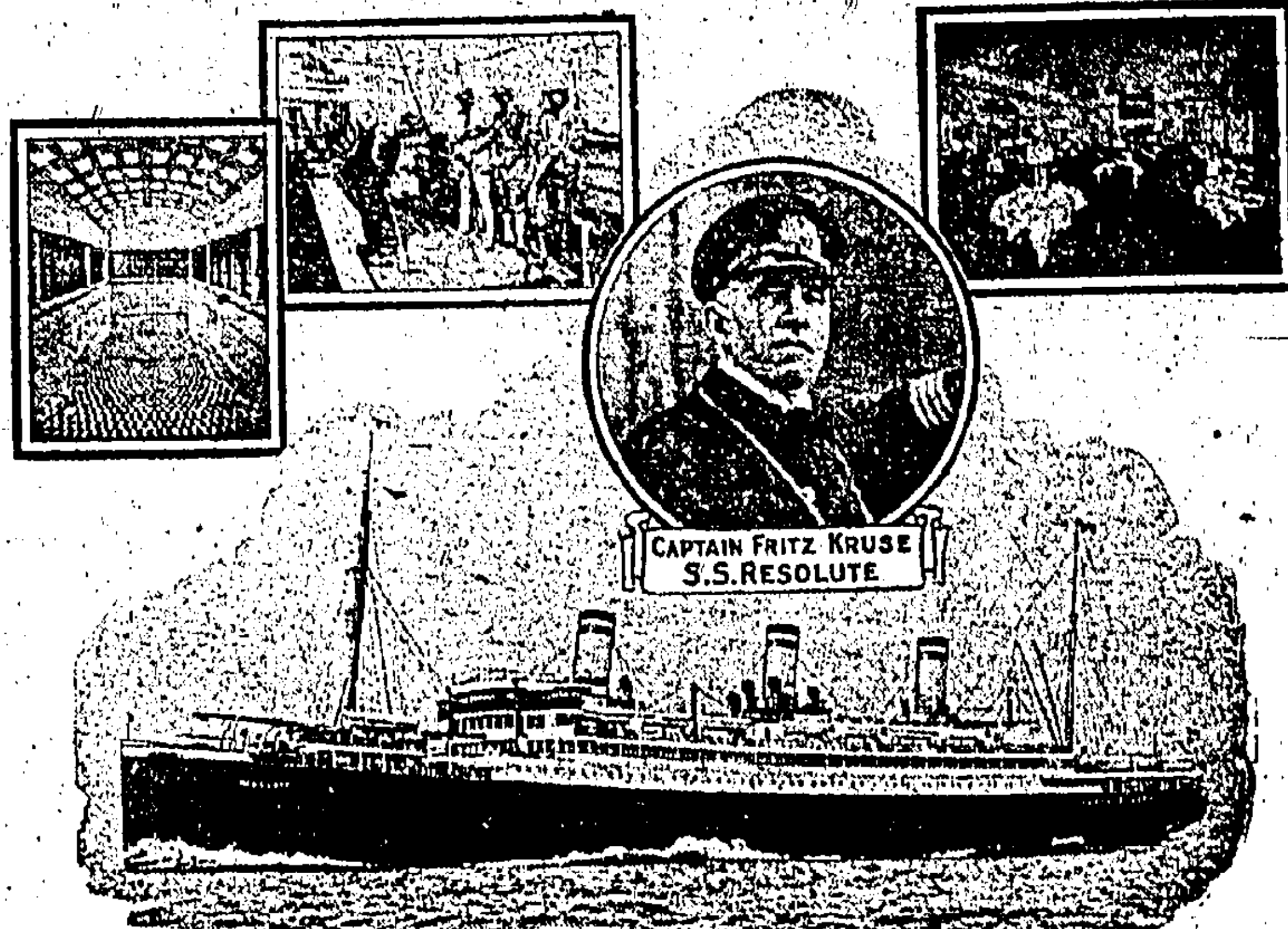
Mr. Wolfe speaking of Commander Hartford said: "I want to tender my warmest thanks to Commander Hartford, D.S.P. for the excellent work which he has done during the past nine or ten months. He has stepped voluntarily into the breach and took up the position of Commandant of the Police Reserve just at a time when we wanted an energetic officer to start the ball rolling and I leave it to you to judge how he has performed his task. I am very pleased to have this opportunity of showing my debt and that of the Hongkong Police for his untiring and voluntary effort on behalf of the Hongkong Police Reserve."

Continuing Mr. Wolfe spoke of Commander Hartford's impending departure and expressed regret that he could not be with them to carry on the good work which he had been doing during the past months.

Mr. Wolfe next thanked all those who have helped in the training of the Reserves, especially Inspector Paterson of the Police Training School and Sergeant Hunt. He thanked the Police Reserve as a body for the trouble they have taken in assisting the police in troublous times and he hoped that they would continue under Commander Hartford's successor, whoever he may be, with the same degree of success.

Police Lance Sergeant R. 15, was then presented by the C.S.P. with a silver cigarette case. In making the presentation Mr. Wolfe remarked that it was for excellent services rendered by R. 15 to the Director of Criminal Intelligence.

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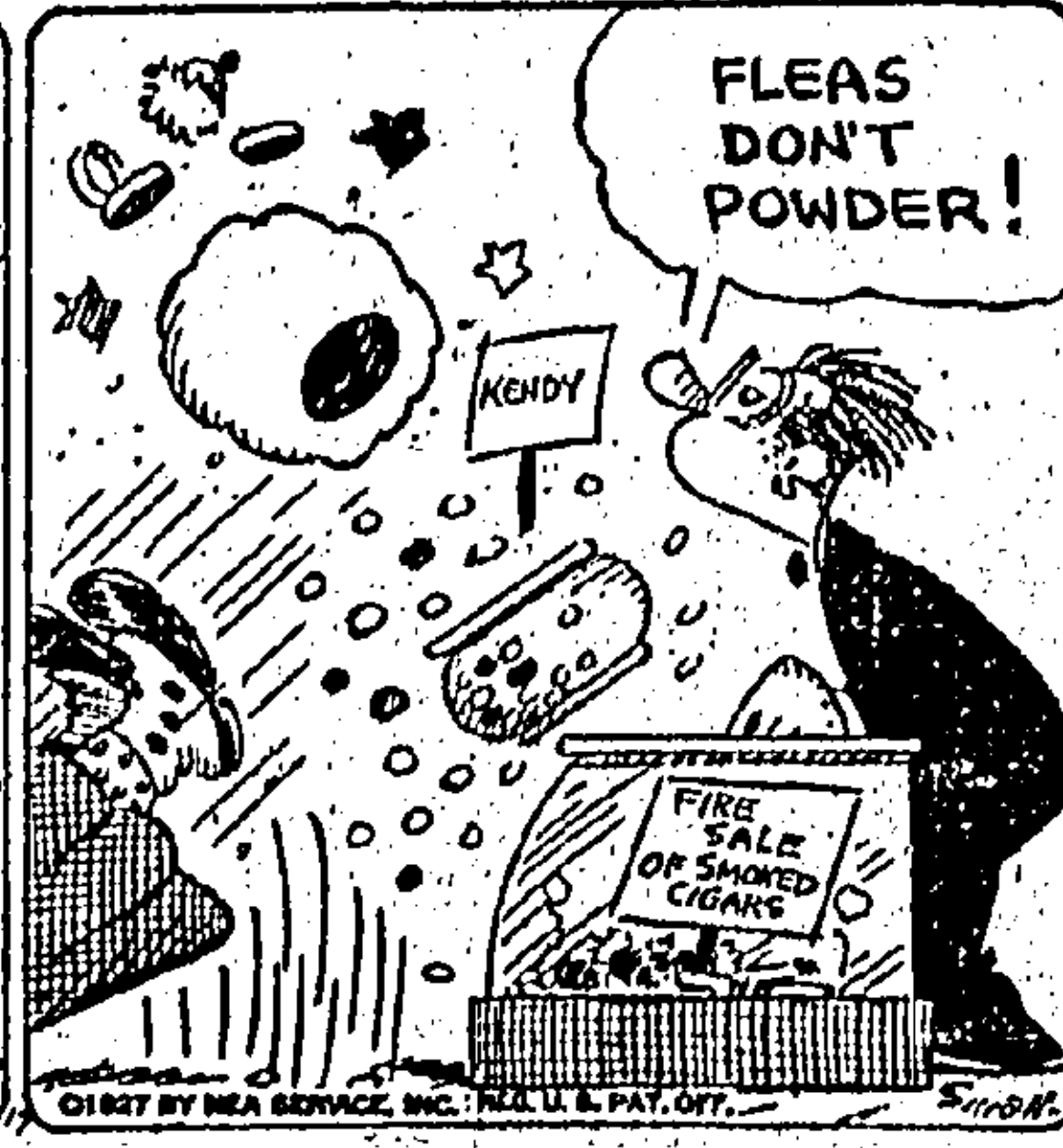
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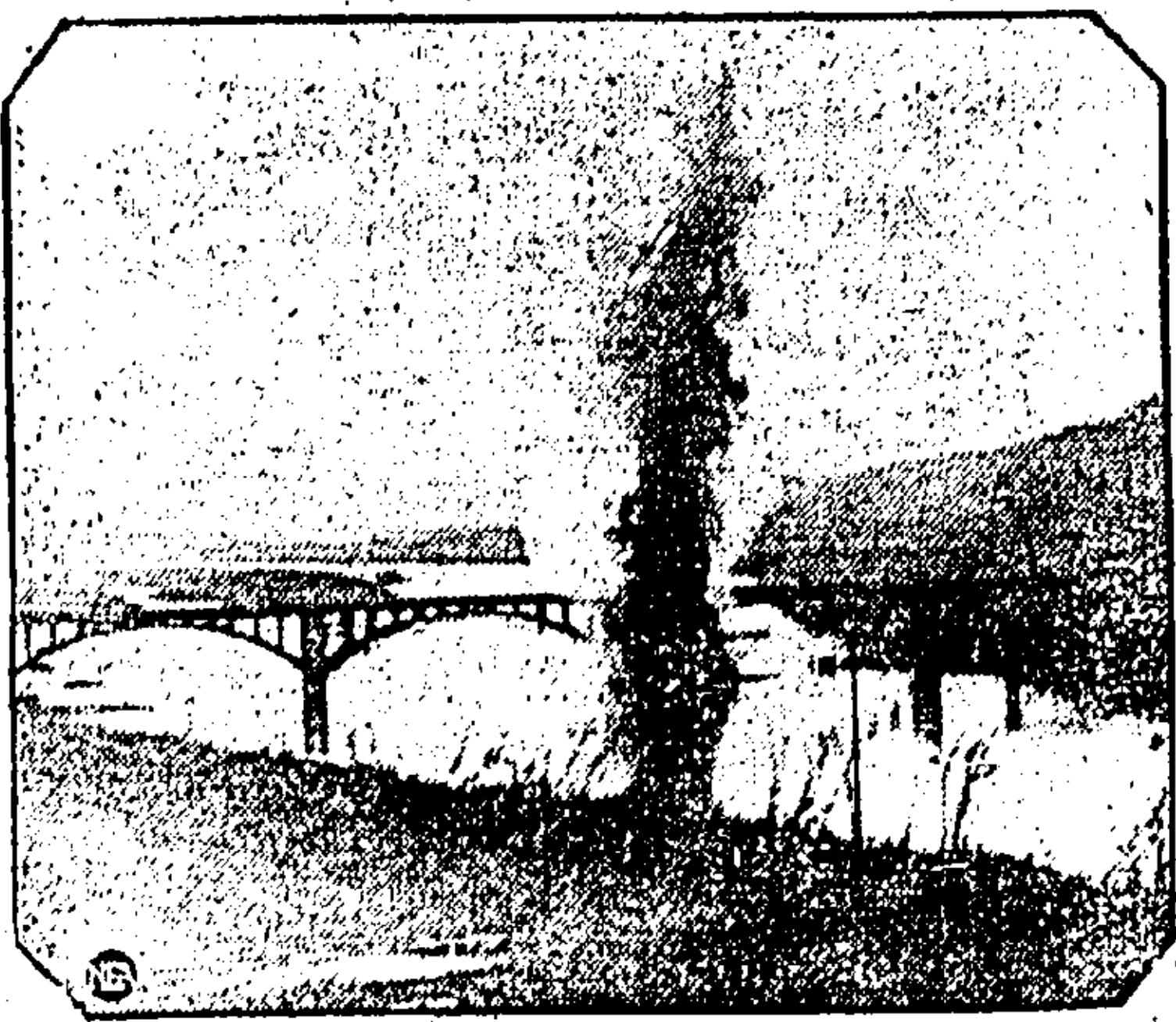




Group taken outside the British Consulate-General Shanghai after Mr. Joseph William Harst, O.B.E., Mr. George Cormack, M.B.E. and Lieut.-Comm. Francis Miners, R.D., had received their decorations from Sir Sidney Barton, British Consul-General.



Passing over a stone bridge at a recent Shanghai hunt. Note the shadows of the riders falling on the bank of the creek.



A war-like work-out with aerial bombs by U. S. Army airmen who razed this concrete bridge. The moment of detonation is caught by the camera.



M. R. H. The Prince of Wales placing a wreath on the war memorial during his visit to the Nautical School Training Ship Mercury at Hamble, Southampton. (Times copyright).

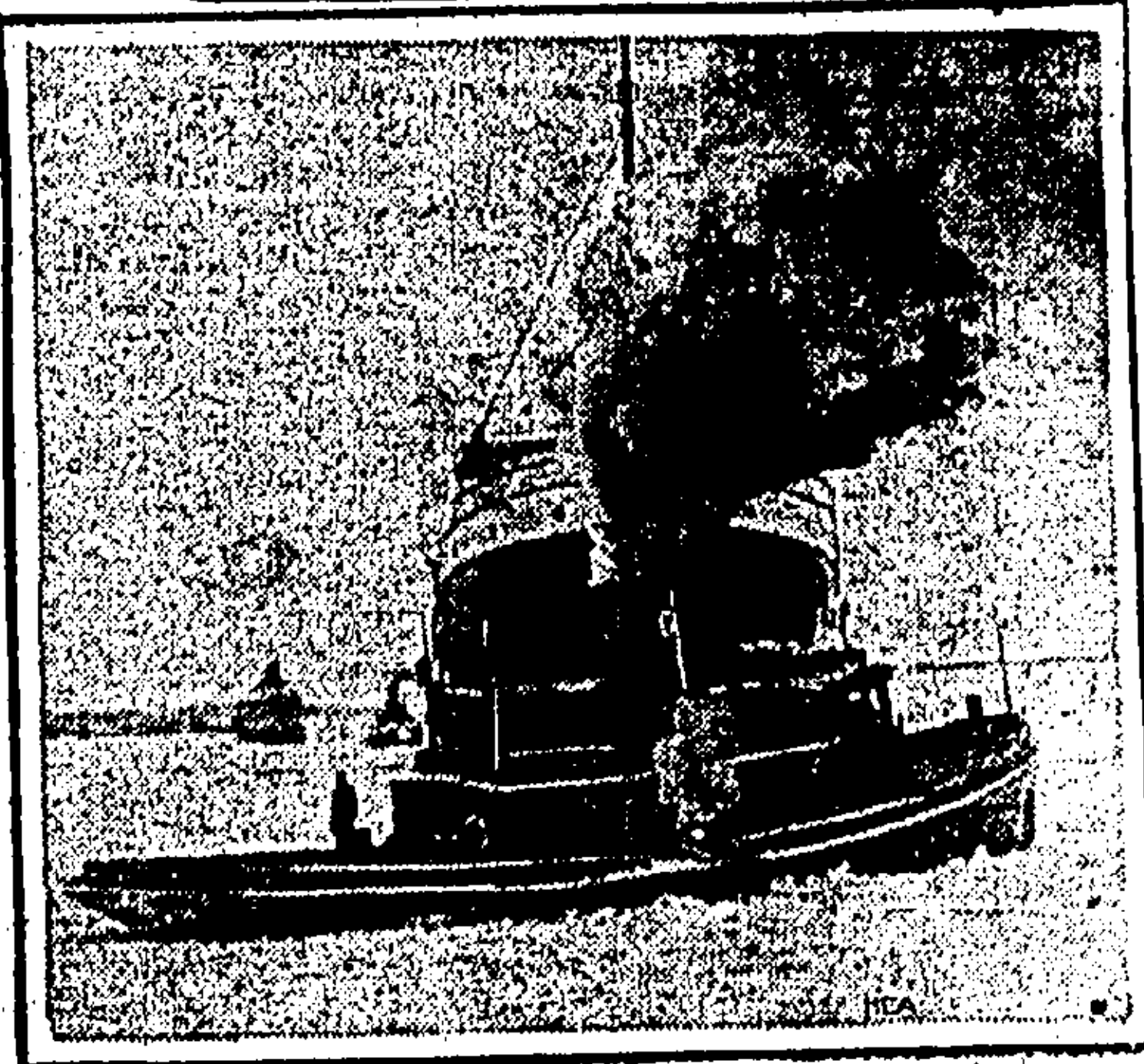


Propinquus Dayton has been at Johns Hopkins University for six years and the students have learned about chimpanzees from him. Propinquus, so called because of his propinquity to the human race, is pictured here with his friend "Tennessee," the only dog University scientists have been able to find who has no fear of Propinquus.

**SPECIAL
PICTURES
OF HOME
WINTER
TO-MORROW.**



Foremost statesmen of Europe are pictured here gathered round the League of Nations Assembly meeting table at Geneva with the Chinese delegate Mr. Tang Lo (3), in the presiding officer's chair. The others are (1) Signor Scialoja, of Italy; (2) M. Briand, of France; (4) Sir Eric Drummond and (5) Sir Austen Chamberlain, both of Great Britain.



The hand of winter has reached out over the Canadian Great Lakes and played havoc with ships caught in ice-locked channels. The picture at the top shows the tug General rescuing the crew of 21 men of the steamer Agawa which ran aground on Advance Reef of Manitoulin Island, Lake Huron. The crew was imprisoned for days in the ice-encrusted observation room, with little food or heat. The picture below was taken in the St. Mary's river below Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., where several large boats have been imprisoned in the ice. The tug is trying to break a path for the big steamer.



This gentleman has taken a spill, but that was not the chief reason for this picture. The unusual factor is that the picture was taken in California, where only pictures of beaches are supposed to be taken.



Six weeks after Clara Poulton shown above became the secret bride of Attorney Richard P. Poulton of Chicago, her husband was mysteriously murdered.

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New Classes in Cantonese will commence on Wednesday, 1st February, 1928.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar.

W. B. FINNIGAN,
Registrar.

Hongkong, 30th Jan. 1928.

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Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of Feb.

1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of three Lots of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, Ma Tau Wei in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal, at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Lots	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Area in Acres	Upset Price
1	Lot 1, Prince Edward Road, Ma Tau Wei	100 feet by 100 feet	1.00	1.00	100,000
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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 16th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and if thought fit to sanction the payment to the Directors of the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 as an annual bonus in addition to the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 payable to them under paragraph 96 of the Company's Articles of Association as from the 1st January, 1928. The purpose of this is to make effective the following resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Company held on 28th January, 1927: "That the Directors' remuneration be increased from \$1,000.00 per annum to \$2,000.00 per annum."

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 6th February, 1928 to Thursday, the 16th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1928.

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13th, 14th, 15th & 18th February.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 11th February, 1928 at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meetings.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Company, Limited, on Thursday, the 7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, Hajee Mohamed Hassan Nema- zee of 1, Prince's Building, Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of uniformity I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "INTANA" of Hongkong Official number 129346 of gross tonnage 4,736 tons, register tonnage 3,039 tons, heretofore owned by me for the permission to change her name to "ENGLES- TAN" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by me.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong,

this 25th day of January, 1928.

(Signed) H. M. H. NEMAZEE.

LAMBERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on TUESDAY,
the 7th February, 1928,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

comprising:—

Teak Hatstand, Bookcases, Desks, Chesterfield Couch and Armchairs, Glass Cabinet, Carpets, Rugs, Pictures, Ornaments, etc., etc.

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If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 9th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 1st February to Friday, 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 25th January, 1928.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, John Hennessey Seth of 49, G. Des Voeux Road Central, Liquidator of Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd. (in liquidation) hereby give notice that in consequence of uniformity I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "ARMANESTAN" of Hongkong Official number 113715 of gross tonnage 5,029 tons, register tonnage 3,230 tons, heretofore owned by Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd. (in liquidation) for the permission to change her name to "ARABESTAN" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd. (in liquidation).

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong,

this 25th day of January, 1928.

(Signed) J. HENNESSEY SETH,

Liquidator, Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd., (in liquidation).

PUBLIC AUCTION

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Hongkong, 21st January, 1928.

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Announce

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With offices on the 4th Floor of Kai Ming Building, 6, Queen's Road Central, as their exclusive Agents for the Colony of Hongkong the Cities of Canton and Shanghai, China and the Portuguese Colony of Macao. Commencing as of January 25th, 1928, and further announce that as from the 25th January, 1928, their former Agents GETZ South China Trading Company will undertake no new business on their behalf.

Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1928.

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Massage. Medical Electricity.

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JUNK PIRACY.

STORY OF HOLD-UP NEAR HONGKONG.

Details of the piracy of a passenger and cargo junk bound for Hongkong were given before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. The junk was pirated on January 25 off Fu Tau Mun and a party of police, who arrived in a motor boat, chased the robbers ashore and fired at them, killing one man.

Four men, Cheung Ping, Lui Hing-choi, Tsang Sze, and Chan Wai were charged that, armed with rifles, revolvers, and daggers they assaulted those on board, putting them in bodily fear and danger of their lives, and stole money, jewellery, clothing, shoes and cargo, to the total value of \$2,240.

Sub-Inspector J. Murphy, together with Detective Sergt. Meadows, prosecuted.

Master's Story. The master of the junk said that on January 24 he sailed from San Mei for Hongkong carrying a crew of eight including himself, 28 passengers, and cargo. At day-break on January 25 they passed Waglan and approached Lyemun where he noticed a small fishing junk coming from the south. This junk crossed his bows a ship's length ahead. It then circled round and ran close to his junk, bows on.

There were five men on board who opened fire with long firearms and immediately the crew and passengers ran into the hold leaving witness alone on deck, holding the tiller. The attackers shouted to witness to get below or he would be shot, so he left the tiller and went below. His junk came into the wind and stopped.

Four of the assailants then came on board, one of them being the first defendant. The junk was then taken to Joss House Bay where the anchor was let down. The cargo was either in the fore-hold or on the deck. Witness, together with the crew and passengers, were in the after hold. From there witness could see the robbers removing the cargo into another boat. About ten other men came on board and helped in this work. The latter boat afterwards sailed away with the loot, and the four men remained on board the junk keeping guard over the hold. They were armed with long and short firearms. None of the other men returned.

That night at about 2 a.m. a rowing boat came alongside into which the remainder of the cargo was transferred. The passengers and crew were then robbed and their luggage ransacked. That rowing boat also left leaving the same four men on guard.

Police Arrive. They remained in the hold until four o'clock on the afternoon of January 26 when they heard the sound of a motor boat. Previous to this a sampan had come alongside with food for the four guards. As the motor boat, which carried police officers, approached, the guards jumped into the sampan and made for the shore where they landed and started to run up a hill. Witness shouted to the police with the result that their boat headed for the shore. The police opened fire and when they landed witness saw the first defendant caught.

Witness himself went ashore later and saw one of the four men lying dead.

In reply to his Worship witness said he would say definitely that the second, third, and fourth prisoners were not among the original assailants, but he recognised them as having operated with the robbers.

The fourth defendant, continued witness, arrived in the boat with the police. When the police went ashore the defendant boarded the junk and said to witness "Act as Heaven dictates and don't falsely accuse me."

The first defendant stated that he had been identified wrongly. The case was adjourned.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Old Fashioned Jars.

MUCH SOUGHT AFTER.

Those delightful old druggists' jars of coloured fluid, which, at one time formed the shop sign of all chemists of standing, are much sought after at home now.

Modern copies, all nice and bulbous at the base, but tapering elegantly towards a small neck, are made in tinted glass as well as white, and delightful they are when placed, with the light behind them, on a staircase window or on a shelf with an electric light cunningly concealed at the back of them.

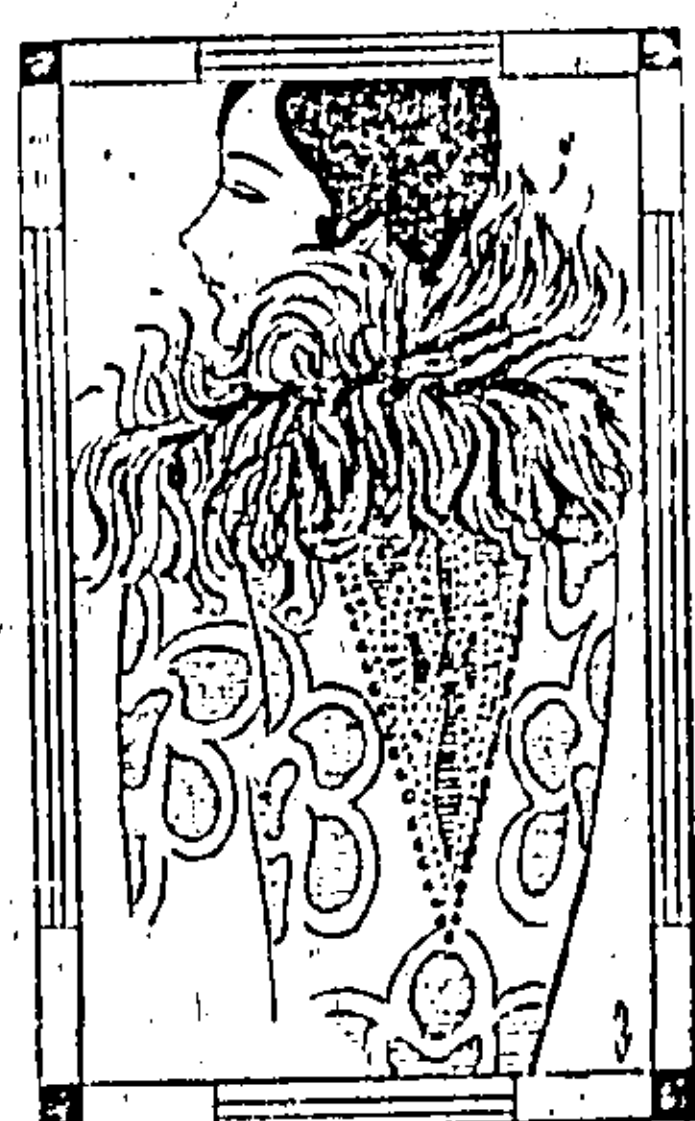
The tea canisters, out of which at one time the grocer ladled forth his Souchong and his Darjeeling, are now in request as lampstands, their decorations of elongated ladies' holding paper umbrellas and palm-leaf fans being reproduced upon the shades of silk painted to match. Square and round, tall and squat, these canisters, with their black decorations on a ground of gold or green, form delightful ornaments, to weight them the bottom is filled with leaden shot; the flex is introduced through a hole bored in one side.

Herbalists' pots, lettered in blue on a ground of buff pottery, and at one time ranged in tiered rows upon shelves at the back of the counter, now fetch large prices, so much are they in demand. Some hail from Italy, some from Holland, and some are English but all are, for the most part, lettered in Latin.

The tall, covered jars of clear glass in which old-fashioned sweet-shops have for centuries kept their sugar-candy and their clove-cushions, their brandyballs and their bulls-eyes, now find a new use as vases for mountain-ash berries, dahlias and Michaelmas daisies. There is a solidity about their shape which greatly commends itself.

Even for old shop-counters themselves a use is found, and when it happens that some ancient establishment is brought up to date with new jinnets, great is the anxiety of those in the know to secure for wall-paneling the old woodwork.

Gems & Feathers.



A sparkling, pointed yoke and a fluffy ostrich collar distinguish this black and silver evening wrap.

Household Notes.

After each sweeping, brush the bristles of the carpet sweeper with a stiff brush, and wipe them with a cloth slightly dampened with paraffin. This not only helps to lay the dust, but will brighten the carpet.

If scissors get loose, make the point of the poker red hot, lay it

A Tiered Skirt.



This skirt is achieved by individual sections sewed on petal-wise to make a chic frock. Cut steel buttons on stand-up collar, cuffs and belt add their note of gaiety. A quaint bouquet of flowers embroidered in pastel shades of silk and beads is thrust nonchalantly in the belt.

first on one side of the rivet, then on the other. This makes the rivet expand, then tighten.

If the handle comes off a knife, fill the hole in the handle with powdered resin, make the part of the blade that fits in red hot, force it into the handle hold it a minute or two till it firms, and lay it aside till next day, when it will be perfectly firm.

Ferns that stand in glazed jardinières should be raised from the bowls to secure good drainage, by putting pebbles under the pot, they are planted in.

Big blue German plums, called "prunes," make a most delicious salad when stuffed with cheese, nut and pimento. Serve with French dressing.

Pearls and other beads which, because of their weight, have a tendency to break their strings should be strung on either a violin string or dental floss.

Waffle irons and griddles should be greased thoroughly and heated through, slowly, before using. Never wash them but wipe with oiled cloth.

The Yale Blues.

NOT AN EASY DANCE.

Last season—Black Bottom. The season before—Charleston. To-day—Blues.

The blues is old, of course. We were dancing it in 1931. But it was strenuously denounced, it passed quickly, and probably not one half of to-day's dance public have ever danced it. For the past four years very few blues records have been made, and the bands have seldom played a blues.

A slow, dragging fox-trot, with the melody well emphasised or well broken up (there is no happy medium), and a jerky rhythm creeping through—that best describes the blues. Most couples execute it in an orthodox way with long, stinky strides, but some experts introduce most effectively various steps of their own which suit the rhythm and relieve a certain monotony.

The music, sturred, quaint, ruffled, without the insistently lively note of the fox-trot, is played a quarter slower than fox-trot music; and the best pieces are those in which the melody is emphasised.

The dance style that this queer rhythm induces is a languorous, awaying one, without the wriggles, shimmys, and exaggerations characteristic of the parent Negro dance. This is important, because young dancers not accustomed to the blues are—or were when it was with us last—apt to jazz it, throwing in nods and shrugs and unbecomingly tricks of arms, shoulders, and feet.

It is not an easy dance—to slow dance in. Perfect balance is needed, and a sure and graceful carriage, a neat-stepping foot and a perfect sense of blues time.

The man must avoid a certain temptation to lean forward and to fling his feet about instead of controlling them as precisely as in the tango; and the girl must be careful to hold herself well, slightly back from the waist, still from the waist up, and close to her partner. Legs and feet must be moved from hip, not knee; and the body kept springily poised.

The blues comes most piquantly between a lively fox-trot and a dreamy waltz.

Cape Silhouette.



The mode swings back to the cape silhouette in this case—a white woollen affair with checkered border.

"BEN-HUR."

RECORD HOUSES FOR BIG FILM.

"Ben Hur" again drew packed houses at all performances in the Queen's Theatre yesterday. The picture is a really magnificent production.

Features of "Ben-Hur" are Jerusalem restored, life in the teeming market places, with thousands of people chattering or disputing, the majestic on-sweep of the Roman lancers and spear-throwers through the City Gate, the court of Pilate and the Palace of Herod, the glad procession of Palm Sunday, shining coal-black beauties from the illegal slave marts of the Sahara, grandly limbed Nubians from the Nile, Syrians, Arabians and Yemenites, a procession of camels from Tripoli, Jews, Greeks and Romans, the Wise Men speeding over the desert and the Cave of David, the Birth of Christ. These and many scenes make "Ben-Hur" a gorgeous, magnificent and unforgettable spectacle.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

RUMOURS OF ABANDONMENT.

London, Jan. 24. The Telegraph devotes attention to rubber restriction, especially with regard to the dissatisfaction in the East on the question of reduction of assessments. The writer thinks that the discussion which has been in progress has had the inevitable effect of unsettling the market, and admits that the lack of enthusiasm is not difficult to understand.

He concludes that, despite the renewal of agitation against restriction, there is little disposition to credit the rumour of the abandonment of the scheme in the new quarter beginning in February.

The general belief is that the dropping of restriction comes when the position is such that estates are once again allowed to ship 100 per cent. production.

The Evening Standard states that protests against restriction are increasing and pressure will be brought on the Government to end it. Even those supporting restriction now admit that it has not achieved its object and will have to be removed.

This paper further states that the failure is shown by the figures for last year. British producers were forced to reduce their output whilst the Dutch were producing normally, thus capturing the rubber trade of the world.

There was increased dissatisfaction with the reduction of assessments, also with the reduction in standard production, and these factors involve a possibility of plantations being unable to work at a profit, since overhead charges remain the same.

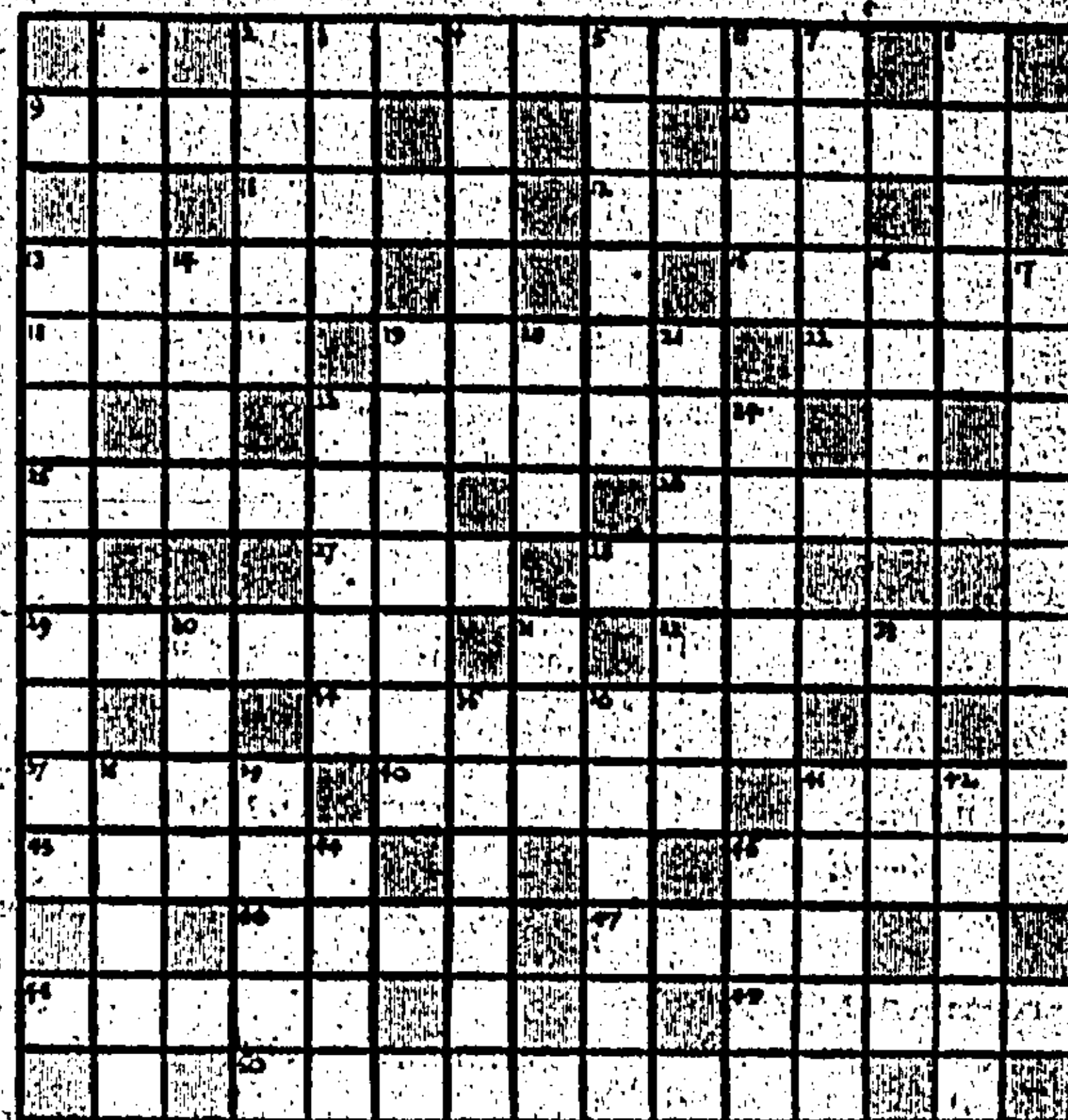
"GOING UP."

DOUGLAS MACLEAN AT THE WORLD.

"Going Up," the chief picture at the World Theatre to-day and tomorrow, presents that popular young screen actor, Douglas MacLean, in the role of a young man who is compelled to pose as a famous aviator and has to take an aeroplane aloft. While in the air he has all sorts of thrilling adventures, but of course he comes out victorious in the end. "Going Up" is a delightfully amusing picture, with a pleasing love theme. Marjorie Daw is the leading lady, and Francis McDonald heads the supporting cast.

Ng Sing, the chief of the Chinese District Watchmen attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, died at the Tung Wah Hospital on Monday morning, after over 30 years' Government service. Sub-Inspector Andrew, who is in charge of the watchmen, and about two hundred of the deceased's colleagues and friends were present at the funeral, which took place in the afternoon.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



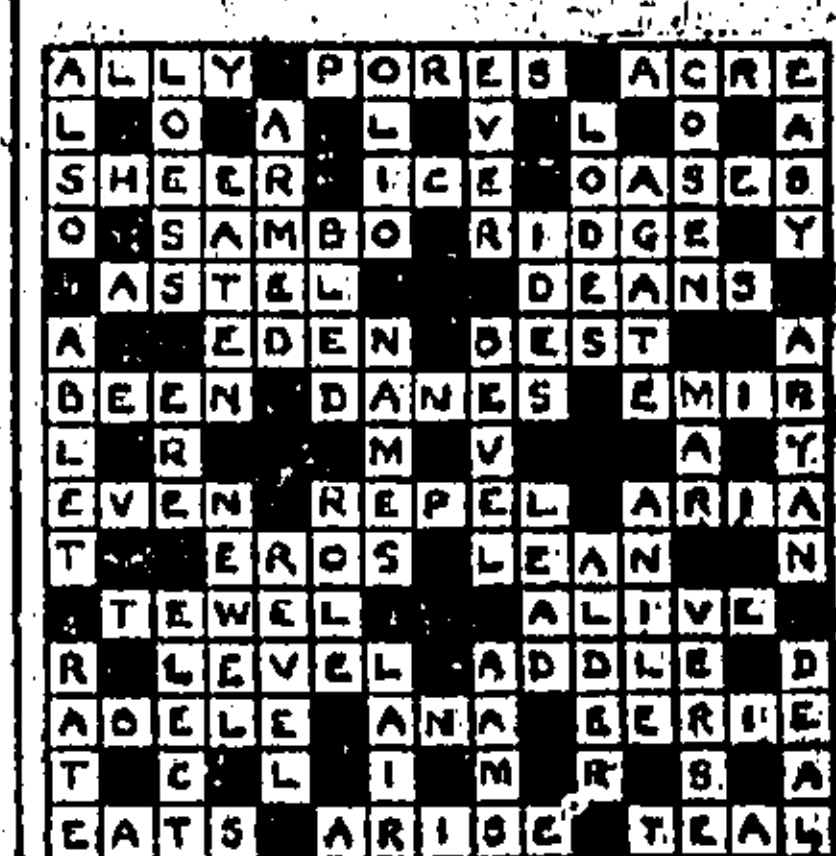
- Across.
- 2 Man of good breeding.
 - 9 Convey across a river by boat.
 - 10 Temporary habitation.
 - 11 Snakelike fishes.
 - 12 Dull brownish-yellow colour.
 - 13 Encompassed.
 - 15 Rain mingled with hail.
 - 18 Hindu cultivator of the soil.
 - 19 According to law.
 - 22 Ready.
 - 23 Pertaining to a league.
 - 25 A proposal made.
 - 26 The sea-tortoise.
 - 27 Abolish.
 - 28 Unit of electrical resistance.
 - 29 Long violent speech.
 - 32 Shoulder of a bastion.
 - 34 Complaining a burden.
 - 37 Poems.
 - 40 Akin to frogs.
 - 41 Advise.
 - 43 Attractive woman.
 - 45 One who fords.
 - 46 Comfort.
 - 47 Rotate.
 - 48 Osier basket.
 - 49 Verid.
 - 50 Decide.

Down.

- 1 Lay a second time.
- 3 Salute.
- 4 Looked on.
- 6 Pitched.
- 8 Make more loved.
- 10 Exclamation of grief.
- 17 Splendidly.
- 18 Collector of eggs.
- 19 Preferment.
- 24 Plunder.

- 16 Opposed to west.
- 17 Instrument, used for determining distance.
- 19 In a merciful manner.
- 20 Jewel.
- 21 Becomes frothy.
- 23 Ruin.
- 24 Full of small compact masses.
- 30 Widen seams between a vessel's planks.
- 31 Age.
- 33 Employed.
- 35 Strata of the earth.
- 36 The chancel end of a church.
- 38 Those who dye cloth.
- 39 Make haste.
- 41 Hindu Queen.
- 42 Recorded item of debt.
- 44 Sound.
- 46 Well-known little bird.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



RECENT HANKOW ROBBERY.

PLUCKY CHINESE CONSTABLE WOUNDED.

Hankow, Jan. 17. Last evening the boundary of the French Concession was a scene of wild excitement when a band of three armed robbers entered the house of Mr. Pei Yu-chin, of the Garrison Headquarters command and held up the inmates.

The house is situated at 64 Fa Tang Lee just outside the boundary of the French Concession. There was nothing previous to the time mentioned to indicate that there was anything amiss in the neighbourhood. The robbers entered the house like ordinary visitors and proceeded upstairs.

No Chance of Resistance.

On arrival there they entered the main room where the family were at supper and presenting their pistols ordered the inmates of the room to put up their hands on pain of being shot immediately. The order was promptly obeyed and while one of the robbers attended to the servants, another proceeded on a tour of inspection leaving one on guard with a drawn pistol over the occupants of the room.

The inspection was a profitable one from the robbers point of view,

and he succeeded in unearthing money and jewellery to the value of over a thousand dollars. Immediately they commenced to leave however, some one on the premises attempted to attract the attention of passers by, and an alarm was given before the thieves could quit the Lee.

Plucky Policeman.

Up to this no shots had been fired, but a shout from some one notified police constable No. 54 who was on point duty on the boundary and almost opposite the scene of the robbery, that those escaping were armed robbers.

Without wasting any time in inquiry he promptly tackled the nearest, and would have succeeded in arresting him but for the fact that the robber fired and wounded him in the thigh thus bringing him to the ground, the thieves then made their way into safety across the railway line.

One man was arrested, but it appears that he was merely an interested spectator. On arrival at the police station those in charge satisfied themselves that he was the son of a family of good standing in Hankow, and he was released in the custody of his father, so that unless the Chinese police are able to lay them by the heels another armed robbery is likely to go unpunished.

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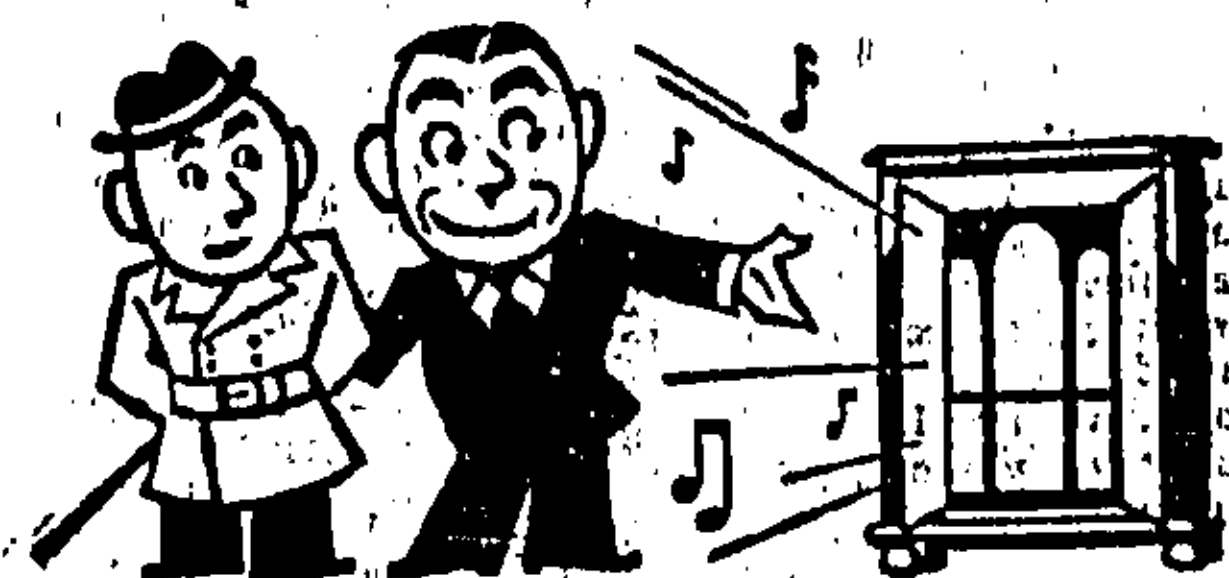
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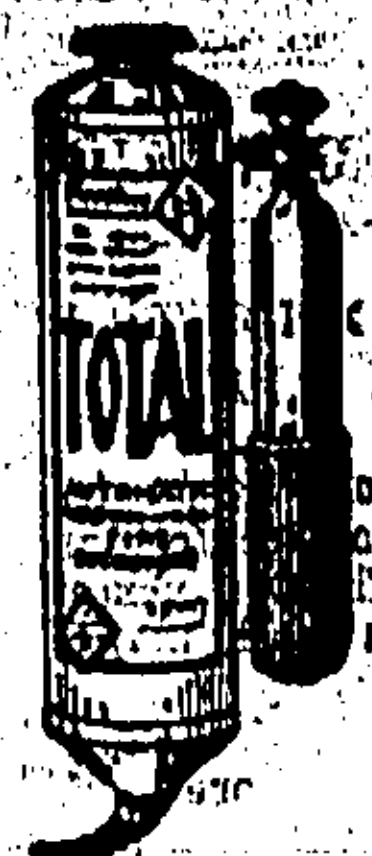
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THE SOVIET WAY.

As will have been observed
from our issue of yesterday,* the
Soviet leaders are very indignant
over the recent anti-Russian hap-
penings in Nanking and Canton.
Previous messages had shown
that the argument of Moscow
would be in the nature of an at-
tempt to fasten responsibility for
the closing down of the Soviet
Consulates, and even for the Can-
ton executions also, on to the
"Imperialist" Powers. The de-
tailed account of M. Chicherin's
Note serves to indicate the clumsy
efforts made in that direction, and
nowhere is that more evident than
in the absurd suggestion that the
anti-Soviet move has been in-
itigated by "White Guardist"
groups in Shanghai, Hongkong
and other centres, under inspira-
tion from London. Incidentally,
this is the first intimation we have
ever had that there was such a
group in Hongkong!

What is the most astounding of
all, however, is that the Soviet
should have the bare-faced tem-
erity to deny that its Con-
sulates in China have been direct-
ing or organising revolutionary
movements. In this connexion, an
attempt has been made to suggest
that the Nationalists have been
won over by the "Imperialist"
Powers and that the closing down
of the Consulates is the direct
result of foreign intrigue. If it
were the case that merely one
clique had kicked the Russians
out, and that that clique were on
terms of close friendship with
any or all of the Powers, one
could understand the suggestion
being made, but when Chinese
officials everywhere—in Peking,
Shanghai, Nanking and Canton—
have deemed it wise to sever re-
lations, then the whole bottom is
knocked out of the argument.
There is also a spirited denial
that the Canton Consulate has
been used for subversive pur-
poses, but how does that square
with the nature of the documents
found in the building when the
"Reds" were given their marching
orders? One of these showed
that there was a big movement to
organise the labour and peasant
forces of Kwangtung to suppress
the Right Wing of the Kuomintang
and to prepare for an armed
rising, the plans for which were
worked out in great detail. Could
any clearer proof of Soviet in-
trigue be desired?

Another point which is stressed
by the Soviet is that the Na-
tionalist Government has no right
to order the closing down of the
Russian Consulates, inasmuch
as that Government has never
been recognised by Moscow. M.
Chicherin says that all the Rus-
sian Consuls in China have been
appointed by agreement with the
Peking Government. He seems to
have forgotten that Peking also
has severed relations with the
Soviet. Moreover, there was
something even more intimate than
mere "recognition" between the
Soviet and the Nationalists when
Borodin and company were in the
heyday of their activities. From
whatever angle we look at the
matter, it is plain that Moscow
seeks to give every possible ex-
planation for the anti-Soviet wa-
re in China except the correct one,
which is that at long last it has
dawned on Chinese politicians of
almost every shade of opinion
that Russia was merely utilising
the Chinese as tools in her "anti-
Imperialist" designs. The effort
to place the blame on the Powers
in general, and on Britain in par-
ticular, is as absurd as it is
amusing.

Franco-German Relations.

At a time when the statesmen of
Europe are directing their atten-
tion toward security, the lively and
plain-spoken attack by Dr. Strese-
mann against the French policy in
the Rhineland is not calculated to
simplify the problems which have
to be tackled. We would not, how-
ever, go so far as to say that the
speech is inopportune. One of the
greatest guarantees of security is
goodwill, and removal of the pre-
scent feeling of estrangement be-
tween Germany and France, can
never be achieved while over 60,000
French soldiers are on German soil.
The Stresemann speech will prob-
ably result, temporarily, in a fur-
ther straining of relations, more
particularly as he declares that the
French are guilty of hypocrisy in
demanding security against Ger-
many. He points out very relevant-
ly that Germany, alone among the
Continental nations, has disarmed,
and that in spite of this a show of
force is directed against a nation
which has given considerable sup-
port, practical and moral, to the
League of Nations, while France
has the pledged word of Great
Britain, in the Locarno Pact, for
the safe preservation of the West-
ern frontier. He also points out
that to those in France who clamour
for still greater security, he per-
tinently asks, Dr. Stresemann, we
may rest assured, is merely voicing
the real sentiments of the German
people in regard to the Army of
Occupation. The presence of for-
eign troops will always be resented,
while the withdrawal of a few thou-
sand here and there is regarded as
by no means satisfying to German
feeling. The problem is extra-
ordinarily difficult to tackle. No-
one would suggest that either
country harbours a desire for any-
thing but peace and an opportunity
of recuperating from the effects of
the War. Seemingly, however,
France cannot get over a suspicion
of her neighbours, and is reluctant
to give up her strategic positions
in the Rhineland. An immense
amount of good could be done if
France would announce a definite
date for the complete evacuation of
her troops. It would be a gesture
of goodwill which would have an
immeasurable reaction in Germany
towards cordial friendship. Such
a gesture will be too late if it is not
done soon, while the absence of any
such conciliatory act will no doubt
result in sporadic outbursts similar
to that of the German Foreign
Minister on Monday.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 31.
Paris	124
Brussels	124.97
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Berlin	12.08 1/2
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.50
Helsinki	211/82
Lisbon	529/32
Rio	1/6 1/32
Bombay	2/0 1/2
Hongkong	4.88 1/3
New York	25.31
Geneva	12.05
Stockholm	16.15
Oslo	16.31 1/2
Prague	28.70
Madrid	807 1/2
Athens	47 1/2
Buenos Aires	27 1/2
Shanghai	1/111/82
Yokohama	20 1/2
Silver (spot)	26 1/2
Silver (forward)	26 1/2

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

WITHOUT LIBERTY NO HAPPINESS
CAN BE ENJOYED BY SOCIETY.
—Bolingbroke.Cable communication with Mo-
cano has been restored.The s.s. Tean went into dock at
Talkoo this morning for overhaul.The Ben Line s.s. Benalder, which
left Singapore on Monday, is due
here on Sunday.The annual dinner of the Hong-
kong Football Club is to be held
at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on
the 11th instant.The health return for yesterday
shows one British case of typhoid
fever and one Chinese case each
of small-pox and diphtheria.The s.s. Derwent is laid up as
from to-day, the master, Captain
Brower, being appointed to s.s.
Hydrangea, vice Captain Ball.The s.s. General Metzinger from
Marseilles and Saigon, reports the
death of one passenger en route
from bronchial pneumonia. The
death occurred at sea on January
29.It is understood that owing to
difficulties which have arisen in
respect of the change of registry
of the s.s. Sanning, this ship has
been laid up and the officers paid
off.A coolie met his death through
accidentally falling into the hold
of the s.s. Kwong Sang whilst
working cargo on board the ship
yesterday. His body was removed
to the Public Mortuary.This morning's Harbour Office
reports gave 14 arrivals and 18 de-
partures, leaving 79 vessels in har-
bour, of which 26 were British.
Tonnage was comparatively low,
with poor freights both inward and
through.A Chinese woman, residing at
Pennington Street, made a report
to the police yesterday stating
that she was attacked by two
ruffians in Pennington Street and
robbed of a gold wristlet watch,
valued at \$40.A Muscadel will be held at the
Helena May on Thursday 3th
February at 5.30 p.m. The follow-
ing will be taking part—Mrs.
Womack, Mrs. Russell-Brown, Eng.
Lieut. Comdr. A. S. Bedells, R.N.,
Miss Acheson and Mrs. Hargreaves
Brownie. Teas may be had from 4
p.m. Tables must be booked—adv.A Chinese girl, seventeen years
of age, made a report to the police
yesterday to the effect that she was
attacked and robbed at Kowloon
City at about 3 p.m. Two Chinese
set on her near the walled city
and snatched a pair of bangles
from her wrists. The bangles are
valued at \$30. Since the report,
one of the men has been arrested
and one bangle recovered.An application for an extension
time to register a mortgage was
made to the Supreme Court this
morning by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy
on behalf of the Wing On Company.
It was explained that the Company
had carried on life insurance for a
considerable period and in con-
nexion with this certain deposits
were replaced by the mortgage. An
extension of eight days was grant-
ed.Commencing to-day, the motor-
bus service between Blake Pier
and the University has been aug-
mented so that during the busy
hours of the day a 7 1/2-minute ser-
vice is maintained. From 8 a.m.
to 10 a.m., from 12 noon till 2 p.m.,
and from 4 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. this
seven-and-a-half minute service
will be in operation. Detailed
time table will appear in the
Telegraph to-morrow.The Medical Officer of Health's
return for last week contains
eight cases, four of enteric fever,
three of diphtheria and one of
cerebro-spinal fever. The enteric
fever cases were two British, one
Portuguese and one Indian, all the
others being Chinese. The deaths
numbered five, two from cerebro-
spinal fever and one each from
enteric fever, diphtheria and small-
pox. There was also reported one
death from influenza, which is not
a notifiable disease.

CHINA AND POLAND.

MR. PINDOR NEGOTIATING
A TREATY.Warsaw, Jan. 31.
Mr. Charles Pindor is departing
for Peking with a view to complet-
ing the negotiations regarding the
Polish-Chinese Treaty.—Reuter.DEATH OF EARL OF
WARWICK.END OF ADVENTUROUS
CAREER.

London, Jan. 31.

The Earl of Warwick, the 6th,
died to-day at the early age
of forty-five. The late Earl had
an "adventurous" career. When
only seventeen years old—he was
then Lord Brooke—he ran away
from Eton and enlisted as a
private for service in the South
African War. Subsequently he
was granted a commission and
fought at Diamond Hill and in
other engagements. Eventually
during the Russo-Japanese War,
he became special correspondent
with the Russian Army.At the outbreak of the world
War, he was appointed Aide-de-
Camp to Field-Marshal Sir John
French, and subsequently was
given the command of the Fourth
Canadian Infantry Brigade.—
British Wireless.

Warwick Estate.

The late Earl of Warwick, who
succeeded to the title in 1924, was
the owner of a huge estate in War-
wickshire, in which stands the
beautiful Warwick Castle.He was private secretary to the
Chief of the Imperial General
Staff when the War broke out,
and was appointed A.D.C. to Sir
John French. Twice mentioned
in despatches, he was awarded the
C.M.G. in 1915, and was decorat-
ed with Legion of Honour, Order
of St. Stanislas, Russia and the
Croix de Guerre with palm. He
was wounded during the early
fighting, but subsequently was
promoted to the rank of Brig. Gen.
and commanded the Fourth Cana-
dian Infantry Brigade.Quite a considerable amount of
his military experience following
the Boer War and Russo-Japanese
War, was with the Canadian forces.
He commanded the 2nd Canadian
Cavalry Brigade in 1913, and com-
manded the Canadian Manoeuvres
in 1914.The late Earl married the
daughter of Sir W. Eden in 1909,
and has three sons. The eldest,
Lord Brooke, who succeeds to the
title, will be seventeen years of
age next month.

STOLEN BINOCULARS.

KOWLOON GODOWN WATCH-
MAN FINED.A private watchman employed
at the Kowloon Godowns was
charged before Mr. W. Schofield,
at the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning, with stealing a pair of
binoculars, the property of Mr. F.
G. L. Wheeler. The defendant
was further charged with pawn-
ing the glasses without the permission
of the owner.The defendant admitted the
charge of larceny, the second count
being withdrawn.According to Chief Inspector
Aris, the binoculars were left in
Mr. Wheeler's office and on Satur-
day morning he found that they
had been removed. They were
pawned by the defendant, who had
furnished a false name and
address.The defendant, continued Chief
Inspector Aris, had been employed
by the Godown Company for
twelve or thirteen years and had
a good character.His Worship said that as the
defendant had a good character
and as this was his first offence,
he would be given the option of a
fine. His Worship imposed a fine
of \$25, or one month's hard labour.TRADE BARRIERS
CONVENTION.SIGNED BY U.S.A. AND
ESTHONIA.Berne, Jan. 31.
The United States Minister to
Switzerland has signed the Inter-
national Convention for the aboli-
tion of prohibitions and restrictions
of imports and exports.A reservation was made in re-
spect of the export of helium gas,
which the Conference had previous-
ly recognised. The Estonian Gov-
ernment has also signed the Con-
vention with a reservation relating
to the importation of precious
stones.—Reuter.[The Convention was drawn up
in November last by the Trade Bar-
riers Conference, and provides for
the abolition of all restrictions sub-
ject to certain exceptions, against
the adoption of disguised prohibi-
tions, including the imposition of
marks and other formalities. The
restrictions not abolished comprise
those for the safeguarding of pub-
lic health and security in regard to
traffic in animals.]

The Very Idea!

Included in "Ten Command-
ments to Golf Carrying Children,"
issued in Tamil to caddies in the
Ceylon Golf Club, are—Watch master, if angry.
If master angry, keep far.
If master playing badly, do not
laugh behind back.If master use swear words, put
wool in ears.Always remember master is
good, kind Christian gent, with
plenty money.It is explained that the some-
what unusual phraseology of the
instructions is due to the fact that
it was done by "a clerk of under-
standing, though unacquainted
with golf."Say it with flowers.
Say it with sweets.
Say it with kisses.
Say it with cats.
Say it with jewellery.
Say it with drink.
But always be careful.
Not to say it with ink.An amusing incident marked
the departure of Pachmann, the
pianist, from London, for Paris.
As he entered the train at Victoria
a number of photographers ap-
proached him.When he saw their cameras he
scrambled into his compartment
and said—"Never, never shall
Vladimir de Pachmann be photo-
graphed like this. I am un-
happy!"He buried his face in his hands,
and refused to move until the
photographers had left.Barrister at Bow County Court:
Did you see the accident? Man:
No, I followed the trail of the
broken bits.Woman at Bow County Court:
I am not the first woman who has
been told that she talks too much.
Judge Snagge: No, and you won't
be the last.Bow woman, excitedly: My
lodger threatens me terrible.
Only the other day he said, "One
murder more or less does not
matter."Romford magistrate: Never
come to a police court without
plenty of money. This is a ready-
money establishment.Thousands of Christmas shop-
pers in Liverpool had an alarm-
ing experience when two el-
ephants, which were to take part in
a local circus, escaped from their
keepers, and charged through the
crowds along Lime Street.After vainly trying to enter the
local Territorial headquarters the
animals continued their career
through the shopping thorough-
fares of Elliott Street and Deane
Street. They were finally re-
captured at the entrance to a big
store.Children, terrified at the
approach of the beasts, fled in all
directions, while hundreds of
women rushed for refuge into
shops. Fortunately no harm was
done.More school-boy howlers!
The King wore a scarlet robe
trimmed with vermin.The whole world except the
United States lies in the tem-
perance zone.Wolsey saved his life by dying
on the way from York to London.Polonious was a mythical sau-
age.The masculine of "ixen" is
vixen.Henry VIII. was very cruel to
Ann Boleyn and ironed her.
(The text-book says "he pressed
his suit on her.")In the eighteenth century tra-
velling was very romantic: most
of the high-roads were only bridal
paths.A flasseur is a man who sells
fish.The immortal William is a name
applied to the German Emperor.G. Translate "They have come,"
if "they" refers to a girl's school:
A. "Elles sont venues."The Glasgow train was nearly
due out from Euston, and a Glas-
gow man was leisurely inquiring
at the third-class window the
price of a "single" to his native
city.A queue formed up behind him,
headed by an impatient Yankee.
Still the Glaswegian went on with
his inquiries.

"What was a return?"

"Aye, and what was a week-
end?""Aye, but I'd ha'e tae come
back on the Monday?"

"Aye, noo, whit's a tourist?"

"Aye, weel, A'll just tak' a
single."He got it, and required change,
and time to count it. As he
moved away the Yankee explod-
ed:"Say, I'd rather have fifty 100
per cent. Americans in front of
me than one of you durned Scots-
men!""Aye," came the canny reply.
"That's whit the Germans said."Europe is not played out.—Mr.
Walter Runciman.There is no Press in the world
to compare with the British
Press.—Viscount Cecil.

PIRATES SEIZE
JUNK.SIX CHINESE HELD IN
CAPTIVITY.

WOMAN RELEASED.

The mistress of a fishing boat, which was recently pirated, and the crew kidnapped, arrived in the Colony yesterday and related a pitiful tale of hardship, to the local authorities.

According to the report made by the woman, to the police, the fishing boat was on a journey from Hongkong to Tolshan (in Chinese waters) with 400 piculs of general cargo, when she was attacked by pirates.

The first indication of the presence of pirates came when the boat was off Chung Chow Shi, in Chinese waters, eight miles west of Fan Tau Point, when several shots were fired at the fishing boat from another junk, the occupants of which shouted to the fishing boat to stop.

When the order was complied with, the pirates boarded the junk and drove the crew into the hold, keeping them prisoners there for six days.

To Unknown Spot.

The pirates boarded the fishing boat on January 6th. At midnight on January 12th, the boat, with all hands, was beached at a spot unknown to the mistress. The pirates then took the mistress and the boat's crew to a hut, where they were kept for ten days.

On January 23rd, again at the midnight hour, the pirates blindfolded the mistress and marched her away for about an hour and a half, at the end of which time they gave her a dollar and released her, giving her instructions to proceed to Hongkong to raise a ransom for those who were left behind.

Six in Captivity.

After a whole day's wandering, the woman finally came to the shore where she boarded a junk sailing for Chin Wan, and from there arrived in Hongkong on the 29th.

She stated to the police yesterday that her three children, her father-in-law and two members of the crew were being kept prisoners by the brigands.

According to the woman's statement, the pirates merely told her to proceed to Hongkong for ransom, but did not indicate what sum was required, or to whom it was to be paid.

MORE NANKING
UNREST.BRITISH VICE-CONSULATE
LOOTED.

Nanking, Jan. 31. An attack on the British Vice-Consulate was recently made, when the building again was looted.—*Naval Wireless.*

Yang Sen's Troops Withdraw.

Ichang, Jan. 31. The movements initiated by General Yang Sen for withdrawing his troops, consequent upon trouble arising in Szechuan, came to an end today when the last contingents left.

Shortly after the completion of this evacuation, the 43rd Army arrived and these men were supplemented by a part of the 2nd Army.

Matters here are quiet.—*Naval Wireless.*

CABLES v. WIRELESS.

CONFERENCE TAKES
FURTHER VIEWS.

London, Jan. 31. Before the Imperial Wireless and Cables Conference today, Lord Inverchoupe and Mr. Kellaway gave information regarding the services of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company and the attitude of the Company to the problems arising out of the development and control of the telegraphic services of the Empire.

Mr. McHollan presented the views of the Wireless Telegraph Company of South Africa, and a deputation from the Empire Press Union was received.—*British Wireless.*

RUBBER PRODUCTION.

SIXTY PER CENT. FOR
CURRENT QUARTER.

London, Jan. 31. It is officially announced that the percentage standard of the production of rubber exportable at the minimum rate of duty from Ceylon and Malaya for the quarters commencing on February 1st, will be 60 per cent.—*Reuter.*

CANTON TAXATION
SCHEME.PLAN FOR REHABILITATING
THE NOTES.

THE LATEST IDEA.

Realising that to launch another \$10,000,000 loan from the already over-taxed merchants in Canton would be impracticable, some so-called experts on taxation systems in Canton state that they have devised a good plan by which to obtain money from the merchants, and also to save the Central Bank notes from further decline.

The suggested method is to levy new taxation on several kinds of goods, including petroleum, where a total of about \$1,400,000 could be collected every month. It is suggested that the taxes should be collected in silver, at least to the extent of eighty per cent, and then be spent in purchasing low-valued Central Bank notes. After purchase, the notes would be handed over to the Government Treasury. Thus approximately \$4,000,000 in notes would be secured by the Government each month.

According to an official report from Canton, the total value of Central Bank notes now in the market is about \$27,000,000, and consequently if the above-mentioned proposal were carried out, in six months' time the authorities would be able to restore the financial position of the province to normal.

The crux of the question is whether the merchants, who loaned \$10,000,000 to the Government recently and also suffered considerably during the Communist disturbances, would be able to pay the suggested new taxes? Another question being asked by the Chinese is whether, if the \$1,400,000 could be collected, the Government would not be inclined to use it to meet military expenses in the East River districts.

A report from Canton says that the small gunboats now anchored in the Canton River have refused to leave for other districts in Kwangtung, the men stating that they want the Government to pay them, first of all, their unpaid salaries in silver coin.

THE FIRE-CRACKER
NUISANCE.SEVEN PERSONS IN ONE
HOUSE FINED.

A large number of summonses dealing with breaches of the regulations governing the firing of crackers during the Chinese New Year festival, were heard before Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court this morning.

All the defendants pleaded guilty, and in 34 cases a dollar fine was inflicted on the charge of firing crackers at other than the permitted times.

In one case, seven tenants of Lee Yuen Street, which is near the Royal Naval Hospital, were summoned for firing crackers within an area proscribed by the Regulations.

Complaints were made by the Hospital staff that patients were being disturbed by the firing of crackers in the neighbourhood. The small packages were bad enough, but it was the long strings which gave off a continuous roar lasting for as long as 15 minutes at one time, which caused the most annoyance, in the view of the Hospital staff.

The nature of the offence was carefully explained to the defendants, who were then fined \$5 each and warned against a repetition.

COOKBOY CAUGHT.

SENTENCED FOR THEFT FROM
EUROPEAN.

As a sequel to the recent theft of jewellery and money valued at over \$300 from Mrs. Robertson, No. 9, Lytleton Road, who said they were taken from a locked box, a cook-boy, employed by Mrs. Robertson, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, on a charge of stealing the property.

It appears that a report was made to the Police following discovery of the theft, and Sergeant Kennerly was sent to the house to investigate. He searched the effects of the defendant, who had been given one month's notice of dismissal, but did not come across the missing jewellery until he entered the coal cellar. There he found some of the missing articles of jewellery, as well as \$40 in money. The remainder of the stolen property appeared to have been disposed of.

His Worship imposed a sentence of three months' hard labour, and made an order for the return of the \$40 and jewellery recovered to the complainant.

SOME SHANGHAI
TOPICS.HOW THE OLD ORDER
CHANGES.

"KING OF THE BEGGARS."

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 27.

"Sir Sidney, you son of a gun-her." It was in these unusually unconventional terms that Major-General A. E. Wardrop addressed the Consul-General for Great Britain in Shanghai, Sir Sidney Barton, at the farewell banquet tendered by something like twenty nationalities to Major-General Sir John Duncan at the Astor House Hotel, which will go down in the annals of the International Settlement as a historic occasion, as General Wardrop himself said.

The inspiration for the remark in question came about in this manner. The honours of the evening having been done to Major-General Duncan, Sir Sidney Barton rose to his feet to propose the toast of welcome to Sir John's successor. Sir Sidney made several allusions to that sense of strangeness which an exile from home like Major-General Wardrop must undoubtedly feel to find himself a stranger within their gates, and he went to great pains in an effort to make the distinguished guest feel at home in their midst.

Incidentally, Sir Sidney stressed the peculiar satisfaction he felt, as the son of an erstwhile gunner officer at Woolwich, to extend the right hand of fellowship to another gunner officer, and it was this declaration that prompted Major-General Wardrop to eschew for once all conventional codes and adopt a breezy mode of speech that is popularly supposed to be the monopoly of the Navy folk.

The last vestige of official stiffness vanished from the evening's proceedings when Major-General Wardrop, advertising to sporting themes, facetiously declared that he had heard with considerable apprehension of that equine genus, the China pony, and its reputation for velocity—and even ferocity. After that, the new G.O.C. could not but establish an irresistible claim to popularity.

The Feminist Movement.

Everything changes, and we change with it. The truth of this, trite saying was forcibly impressed on a former resident of Shanghai who has recently returned to this part of the world after a lengthy sojourn under other skies. Curiously enough, it was not the sight of the stately piles towering above the Bund that had risen, mushroom-like, during his absence that most impressed him, but rather the sweeping changes that had occurred within the social life of the Chinese people in the International Settlement of Shanghai.

Not the least of these changes that have made a profound impression on the gentleman in question is the freedom, from a social and economic standpoint, that seems to have been magically won by the women and girls of the Chinese community. A visit of a Sunday afternoon to the palatial tea-rooms of the Majestic Hotel proved a veritable eye-opener.

There he found that two-thirds of the huge throng crowding the ballroom were Chinese young women of the better class who were dancing the Tango, the fox-trot and the one-step with a confidence and self-assurance as if to the manner born. This was not enough. Some of them were actually in the throes of the Charleston's intricate gyrations.

He could scarcely believe his eyes, as only a few years ago these self-same girls would not have thought of exhibiting themselves in a public place, much less allow young men to hold them round the waist. But it should be some consolation to him to know that the same femininity who attend tea-dinner also have been instrumental in arousing public opinion that has resulted in the amelioration of working conditions in connection with child labour.

The Beggar Problem.

It is a matter of gratification to the foreign community that influential Chinese women are actively interesting themselves in the beggar problem, which they are rightly envisaging from the objective standpoint of public health, to which the promiscuity of beggars in the streets of the city is a distinct menace.

A forceful illustration of this has been latterly forthcoming during the incidence of the Chinese New Year when the members of Shanghai's begging fraternity literally overran the Settlement. They reaped a veritable silver and

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MORE HANKOW
EXECUTIONS.BATCH OF ARMED ROBBERS
PAY PENALTY.

COMMUNISTS ALSO.

At Hankow, on January 20th, quite a number of executions took place. Prominent among these were five armed men who were responsible for a big robbery at the Teng-Tah Exchange Company on Faucheng Road in the S.A.D. No. 3. Their capture was due to smart police work on the part of the S.A.D. police force five days after the event.

At the trial evidence was given which proved that the crime was committed with the assistance of two motor cars which were hired one from the Lee Lee Garage on the Hohen Maloo, and the other from the Han Lee Garage in the same neighbourhood.

The chauffeurs of both these cars were arrested and are still detained. The six prisoners who took part in the robbery and a tailor who received a portion of the loot were taken on January 20th to Garrison Headquarters, with the record of the crime, the evidence taken and the proofs of guilt of the accused. Of these one was the servant of a military officer. The tailor and the servant are still under detention, but the five who were regarded as prime movers in the robbery were taken out and shot by the order of the Garrison Commander.

Further Executions.

A little later another execution took place. In this case the prisoner was accused of various lonely hold ups, some of which had been proved against him, and when caught he was carrying a pistol in which it was alleged and apparently proved he had threatened various people for purpose of robbery. He was a native of Yuenning in Hupeh, 26 years of age and named Tsong Hui-shen.

Towards evening a further five were led out and executed. These men were Wu Yu-ming, native of Wu-chang, Chen Han-tang, of Han-yang, Wang Tsh-chi also of Han-yang, Chang Han of Siakou, and Wang Chang-wu of Hsueh-chang. They were aged respectively 24, 30, 23, 17 and 20.

All were guilty of being concerned in Bolshevik intrigues, and the printers of most of the Communist pamphlets with which Hankow has recently been flooded. They were seized in a raid on the Wei-hsien printing works in Dah Chai street and caught in the act of printing the pamphlets referred to.

BANISHEE'S RETURN.

SAYS "REDS" DESTROYED
HIS HOME.

A revision of a man's criminal record was ordered by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, when it was stated that a banishee's previous conviction had been omitted from his record.

The defendant, who was charged with returning to Hongkong after being banished from the Colony for five years, said that his home in Hoi Fung had been destroyed by the "Reds."

On production of the defendant's record, his Worship remarked that he could not see that any offence had been proved against the defendant except that he had been banished for five years.

It was stated that, according to a subsequent message received from the Finger Prints Office, the defendant had been convicted under the Opium Ordinance before he was banished.

His Worship adjourned the case for twenty-four hours for the defendant's record to be revised.

UNLICENSED HAWKER
FINED.TOLD HE MUST FIND
OTHER WORK.

With two previous convictions for similar offences, an unlicensed hawker was fined \$10 by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, for selling water-tosses without a licence.

The defendant appealed to the Bench to be recommended for a licence as he had a wife and family to support.

Sergeant Hargreaves informed his Worship that the defendant had previously applied for a licence, but had been refused on the ground that he was a strong and robust man.

His Worship pointed out to the defendant that he would have to seek work in other directions.

NEW FILTRATION
PLANT.PURIFYING OF HONGKONG'S
WATER.

EXCELLENT RESULTS.

The provision of the purest possible water supply for Hongkong is a matter of considerable importance and judging from an inspection of the new filtration plant installed at Bowen Road, this morning, the latest installation marks a decided step in this direction. Press representatives were conducted over the plant by Mr. A. W. J. Simmons, of the P.W.D., and Mr. T. Buckle, representing the Paterson Engineering Co., London, whose rapid gravity filtration plant has now been installed.

In addition to the detailed account of the plant given below it is interesting to note that this system, though occupying a small area, is much simpler to operate than the ordinary sand beds, with a consequent big saving of time and operating expenses. A similar plant is being installed in connexion with the Shing Mun Valley scheme, on the peninsula, and this latter will be capable of dealing with 6,000,000 gallons of water daily. The Bowen Road plant, when fully operating, can deal with 3,000,000 gallons of water per day. At present this plant, which is not yet working at full capacity, is supplying the district between Arsonal Street and the Sincere Company's store.

By use of the new plant, there is but little wastage of water and the various operating sections are to a large extent automatic. The chemicals used for purifying the water are .55 grains per gallon of sulphate of alumina and .1 grain per gallon of lime. The method of mixing these ingredients and discharging them into the water is of the simplest description, and, by tracing the water through the various stages, one is able to understand the real merit of the plant and the resulting clarity of the filtered water.

Cleaning Filter Beds.

An interesting demonstration of the methods of cleaning the filter beds was given this morning. Compressed air was first of all forced through the beds from the bottom, and this by agitating the water, stirred up all the accumulated impurities, after which water was used for flushing. The result was that the operation was completed in an effective manner in about ten minutes.

Finally, the work on container reservoirs was demonstrated, and although there was a depth of filtered water of seven feet, a little more light would have made it easy to read an ordinary visiting card placed on the bottom of the container.

The plant installed at Bowen Road is the first of its kind to operate in the Colony, and future results will be watched with interest.

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POLICE REPROVED.

KEPT IN CUSTODY FOR
FIGHTING.

When two Chinese were charged with street-fighting at the Central Police Court this morning, Mr. R. E. Lindsell enquired why they were kept in custody and refused bail. It was an ordinary case of fighting in the street in which only fistfuffs were exchanged, he pointed out.

The defendants were discharged, the prosecuting police officer stating he would look into the matter and report to his Worship.

HOW MUCH DO YOU
KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. Who wrote "Where the Rainbow Ends"?
2. How long do the domestic hen's eggs take to hatch?
3. What is the origin of the name "canters"?
4. How old was Napoleon when he died?
5. What is the most famous obelisk in London?
6. What is the melting price of sterling silver?
7. Who was Martin Luther?
8. What did John Robert Gregg invent?
9. Name the greatest export of Trinidad.
10. For what are Klonkha, Kimberley, Cardiff, and Connemara noted?
11. How much blood does the average human body contain?
12. Why are there sawtooth factories in and around Sheffield?

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DINNER TO GENERAL DUNCAN.

APPRECIATION OF SHANGHAI RESIDENTS.

A fitting tribute to the work done by Major-General Sir John Duncan in Shanghai was last week paid by a representative gathering of members of 20 nationalities who entertained him to dinner in the Astor House Shanghai. A very large number of residents attended, and a presentation made to General Duncan took the form of a handsome casket containing a book of views of Shanghai accompanied by the signatures of those participating in the event.

After the loyal toasts had been proposed Mr. Fessenden made the presentation to General Duncan. He said, in part:

You are all more or less familiar with the developments which resulted in the despatch of a British Defence Force to Shanghai, and you, of all people, can best appreciate what its coming meant not only to the foreign residents of this city but also to many residing in other parts of China for whom under the protection of the British and other forces Shanghai became a sanctuary and place of refuge.

Perhaps none of us are in a position fully to realize and appreciate the difficult, intricate and perplexing problems which confronted the Commander in Chief of such a military undertaking under existing conditions in China and the present status of international relations between China and the foreign Powers.

We do know, however, that our distinguished guest has performed the task entrusted to him by his Government in such a manner as to win the unstinted praise, gratitude, and admiration not only of his own countrymen but of the people of the many other nations represented here to-night.

We share with him the pleasure and satisfaction which he must feel in the knowledge that in recognition of his services in China his government has further honoured him by appointing him to that much coveted post of General Officer Commanding the 1st Division at Aldershot.

Duncan's Reply.

In reply, General Duncan said that he felt that in this dinner they were not only expressing their appreciation of any work he had done, but of that of the international defence force in Shanghai. About 11 months previously he had arrived in Shanghai, and he had been struck with the way in which not only the officers but the men of his command had been received. He had heard a lot about the Shanghai mind, but he wished to state that there were two outstanding qualities about Shanghai men and women, and the first of these was hospitality and the second enterprise. He wished to thank the people of Shanghai for what they had done for the troops under his command and the recreation centres they had established.

Referring to enterprise, General Duncan said that it had been a revelation to him and to all his officers. Shanghai, was unique, and there was nothing like it in the world. It had been created during the last 50 or 60 years through the enterprise of foreigners. Last year the foreign community of Shanghai felt that the civil war raging in China might submerge Shanghai. The British Government were of the same opinion, and their forces were sent at short notice. The object of these forces was purely protective; they were not sent to Shanghai for any aggressive purpose, nor had they been used for any aggressive purpose, and as during last year the danger to Shanghai had diminished, he had been able to recommend to the Government a reduction in the forces.

He had endeavoured to establish friendly relations with the Chinese, and he believed that he had been successful because he had met with the same spirit and he had received nothing but courtesy and friendship from those with whom he had come in contact. He appreciated greatly the international character of the gathering, and he was proud of the fact that 20 nations were represented in it. He had observed that when people of different nationalities came to Shanghai they dropped their petty national differences and worked for Shanghai, and that was a very remarkable thing. He found during the work he did that all nationalities became Shanghai-landers, and he thought that that was for the good. This made the spirit of amity which existed in the Shanghai community in spite of international matters.

Volunteers and Police.

Talking of the international defence force in Shanghai led him to mention the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, and it deserved well of Shanghai (applause). It was an

VALLEY GOLF.

QUALIFYING ROUND OF JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The draw has been made for the qualifying round of the Junior Section championship to be played at Happy Valley on February 20.

The result of the draw and starting times are as follows:

9.00 a.m., C. E. Charman, A. E. Clarke.
9.04 a.m., E. J. Ellis, J. H. Gelling.
9.08 a.m., J. McCubbin, F. T. James.
9.12 a.m., Wm. Sayers, F. E. Booker.
9.16 a.m., G. McLeod, A. J. W. Dorling.
9.20 a.m., A. Brookbank, J. Lalng.
9.24 a.m., J. M. McBride, H. Hampton.
9.28 a.m., W. H. Edmonds, A. Goldenberg.
9.32 a.m., J. Stewart, W. Mc. G. Davies.
9.36 a.m., A. F. Braley, W. Kent.
9.40 a.m., E. Moore, Wm. McKay.
9.44 a.m., R. C. Wallace, P. Morrison.

Competitors have the right of the course before all other players. If any of the above cannot play, they are asked to communicate with their opponents as early as possible, and with the Secretary.

extraordinary efficient unit and it had been of the greatest assistance to the Shanghai Defence Force. Another international unit with which they had come into close contact was the Police, and they had the highest admiration for what they had done.

As regarded the situation to-day and 11 months ago, 11 months ago there was the danger of civil war submerging Shanghai, while there was great industrial unrest, and it was not usually safe for foreigners to go outside the Settlement. To-day the situation had enormously improved, and civil war had swept north, and there was no danger to Shanghai. While it was now possible for any foreigner to go within a radius of 50 miles of Shanghai in safety, he did not claim that this was due entirely to the presence of the Shanghai Defence Force, but he did claim that the Shanghai Defence Force had ensured peace for Shanghai at a very dangerous period to clear the atmosphere, and there was no doubt that the situation was now very different.

The harmonious 11 months ago was "at storm," but to-day he thought it was "at fair." He trusted that the present he had received was the token that he had fulfilled his mission in Shanghai (applause).

A History of Defence.

Sir Sidney Barton, welcomed the new commander of the British portion of the Shanghai Defence Force. In a most felicitous address in which he recalled the fact that he was the son of a gunner and was therefore pleased to extend a welcome to a gunner officer of His Majesty's forces, Sir Sidney said that he was particularly happy to welcome this successor to General Duncan, Major-General A. E. Wardrop.

"But there is one point that I wish to make. General Duncan and the Shanghai Defence Force were simply carrying out the great traditions which British military officers have maintained for 70 years in Shanghai. The history of Shanghai has been the history of the defence of Shanghai. Reference has been made to-night to the international character of Shanghai. General Wardrop will probably meet here men of different nationalities alongside of whom he has fought in Europe. But in Shanghai, is opportunities for international contacts will be even greater. For to-night, we have with us representatives of the Germans and Austrians in Shanghai."

General Wardrop's Remarks.

General Wardrop in a witty, interesting address expressed his pleasure at being in Shanghai and his delight at having the opportunity to be present at such an important testimonial to General Duncan. He hoped that when his time came to go, some few would extend some measure of approbation to him that was so generally expressed by so many to General Duncan. He recognized that Shanghai offered him wider responsibilities and spheres, and he was pleased to have an opportunity to make friends among other nationalities than his own. He modestly denied that he was good at any sports and even gave himself a poor reputation as a dancer. It was too soon to express an opinion with regard to Shanghai, but he recognized above all else, its genuine hospitality and friendship to the stranger who came here.

BIGGEST BRITISH FORCE.

Not to Bully China or for Aggression.

SCOTS ENTERTAIN.

A farewell luncheon was given by the Committee of St. Andrew's

RIFLE SHOOTING.

ARGUS BEAT DOCKYARD.

H.M.S. Argus defeated H. M. Dockyard Rifle Club in a League match at Stonecutters on Saturday, winning by a margin of nineteen points. The scores were:

H.M.S. Argus.				
	200	500	600	Total
Mr. Barber	32	30	33	95
Mr. Nash	29	30	33	92
Cpl. Willett	23	25	23	71
P. O. Titheridge	32	32	20	84
L. Tel. Wilkins	25	29	23	77
Mme. Reeves	26	28	27	81
Flight Sgt. Hock	27	30	21	78
P. O. Carl	20	30	28	78
Total	214	239	217	670

Plus 4% for Open Sights 23

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H. M. Dockyard Rifle Club.

	200	500	600	Total
Mr. Cook	34	31	25	90
Mr. Garrett	30	27	25	82
Mr. Young	30	31	25	86
Mr. Latham	30	20	31	81
Mr. Lewis	20	23	28	71
Mr. Guest	27	27	24	78
Mr. Gossett	23	27	28	78
Mr. Wickenden	30	31	29	90
Total	224	229	218	671

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Society to Major-General Sir John Duncan. The President of the Society, Dr. J. Elliot Murray, was unavoidably prevented from attending, and the chair was filled by the Vice-President, Mr. J. F. Macgregor.

In presenting General Duncan with a quail, Mr. Macgregor expressed regret that professional duties had prevented the President from taking the chair. This past year had been one of the darkest in the whole history of Shanghai, and they all remembered what they felt like in January and February. Then they heard that the troops were coming out and that was a tremendous relief, and when the Scotsmen heard that a Scot was going to command them that produced a greater joy and a greater sense of security. Mr. Macgregor went on to say that he believed that every single member of the Defence Force had been in a sense a diplomat. He had seen Tommies fraternizing with the country people, and the way in which they would take the children on their shoulders was simply marvellous. He felt that that whole spirit had been inculcated by General Duncan, who had proved himself to be a magnificent soldier and a wonderful diplomat in times of tremendous trouble and difficulty.

In reply, General Duncan said that since coming to Shanghai he had realized what a tremendously important part Scots played in Shanghai. He believed that the Scots were the predominating race there, perhaps not numerically, but he believed that the most important export from Scotland to the East was undoubtedly brains and energy, and he had seen these here. It was, therefore, a subject of regret to him that they had had no Scottish regiments there, but it was not his fault. There were two Scottish regiments in their force, but when he wanted a battalion he was not allowed to name any particular one, so that he could only conclude that General Luard had kept what he thought best in Hongkong.

The Empire and the East.

Proceeding General Duncan said that people might think that it was quite unnecessary to send such a large force out, but the policy was right. The sending out of this force had had a very important effect. Many people in the East—Asiatics—thought that after the Great War the British Empire was on the down-grade and could not afford to safeguard its interests in the East. He thought that the Empire had effectively proved that it could. (Applause) They had shown the people, foreigners and others, that they meant to protect their interest, whatever the cost. The cost was not counted. There was danger, and the troops were sent without any question as to their cost. He thought that would always have a good effect. They had also shown the Chinese that the biggest British force ever sent to the East was not intended to be used for bullying China or for an aggressive purpose, and that should have a good effect.

The Shanghai Scottish.

General Duncan in conclusion said that he had been tremendously impressed with the Shanghai Scottish. He had seldom seen a finer unit, and they compared most favourably with the London Scottish, and he could not pay them a higher tribute. He hoped that Mr. Macgregor would convey to the officers and men of the unit his appreciation of them.

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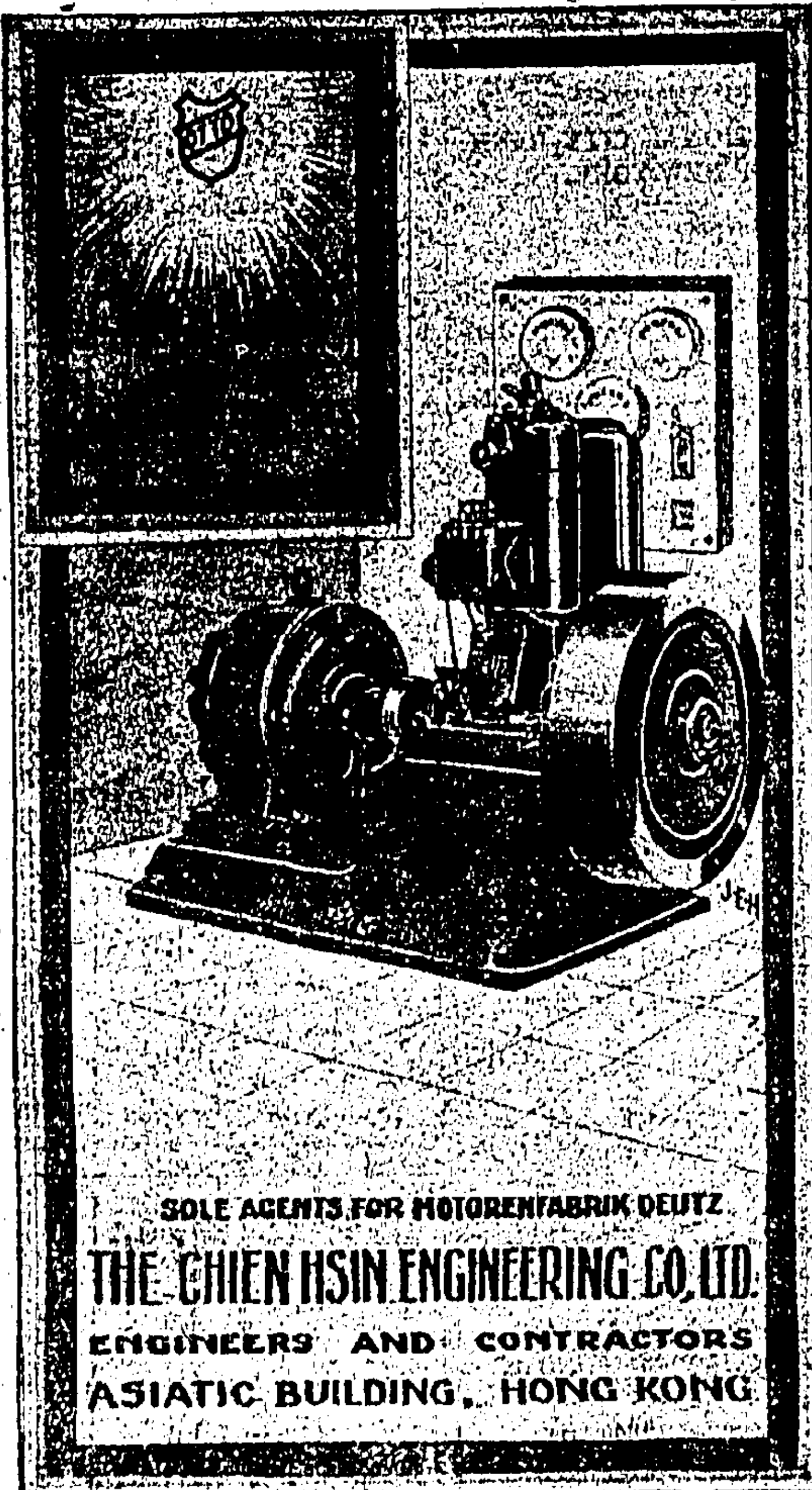
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PEACE V. WAR.

TRADE COMMISSIONERS, NOT DIPLOMATS.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.

The Hon. Mr. R. B. Bennett in his first extended speech in the House of Commons as Opposition leader, to which President Cosgrave listened from the gallery, objected to an exchange of Ministers between Canada and foreign Powers. He said it involved implications fraught with great dangers. "What we want are trade commissioners not men to carry on diplomatic relations touching matters which cause wars. In other days we should look to the old flag and to the British Navy for the protection of our diplomatic relations."

Mr. Bennett particularly objected to the proposed appointment of a Minister to Tokyo. He dwelt on the decrease of Canadian exports, the diminution of the earnings of the railways, the continued exodus of the population to the United States, and pointed out that while the immigrants in 1925 from Britain numbered 59,000, from the continent they reached eight figures. In 1926 they were 49,000 and 73,000 respectively. He urged a parliamentary investigation.

Mr. Mackenzie King, in the course of his reply said that Canada's favourable balance of trade was \$151,000,000, still the largest of any country in the world. The House of Commons adjourned early to attend the Speaker's reception in honour of President Cosgrave whom the Government afterwards dined.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TARIFF PROBLEMS.

DISCUSSION WITH SOUTH.

Peking, Jan. 31.

Contrary to Japanese reports Sir Miles Lampson's trip to South China is not connected with the tariff. Reuter learns from very reliable sources that there is no question of the resumption of the International Tariff Conference.

The Peking Government will not appoint Mr. A.H.F. Edwards, Inspector General, at least until after his return from the South.

Mr. Edwards informed Reuter that he would discuss various tariff questions with the South, on the basis of the proposals he made last August. Naturally the details could not be divulged in advance.

Important developments are expected in Shanghai in view of the fact that in addition to the visit of Mr. Edwards, Messrs. Mead and McLorn, who are prominent in the salt gabelle and post office respectively are both in Shanghai negotiating with the South with the consent of the North, while the French Minister, M. Martel, is at the present time believed to be in Nanking.—*Reuter.*

THE GREEK LOAN.

LONDON ISSUE QUICKLY OVER-SUBSCRIBED.

London, Jan. 31.

The Greek loan, floated under the auspices of the League of Nations has been issued, £3,370,960 in London, £800,000 in Italy and Sweden and £17,000,000 in bonds in New York and Zurich. The London issue was quickly over-subscribed.—*Reuter.*

[A message dated London, January 11, said: M. Caphandaris, the Greek Finance Minister, who is visiting London, has concluded an agreement with a group of British bankers for a new loan of £6,500,000. The issue price will be 91 at six per cent interest but the total charge to Greece, including expenses, will be seven. The loan is repayable in forty years.]

SAYS FAREWELL.

MAJOR GENERAL SIR J. DUNCAN LEAVES.

Shanghai, Jan. 31.

Major General Sir John Duncan, General Officer in charge of the Shanghai Defence Force, proceeded home this afternoon on the P. and O. s.s. Malwa after numerous banquets and presentations.

The United States Marine Corps, French, Italian and Portuguese forces, the 2nd Suffolks, Municipal Volunteers and the Police furnished Guards of Honour, while hundreds of prominent Chinese and foreigners personally offered their farewells and cheered Major General Duncan when he embarked on a Navy launch for the Malwa.—*Reuter.*

ORGAN RECITAL.

SPLENDID PROGRAMME AT THE CATHEDRAL.

In aid of the Organ Fund, another enjoyable organ recital was given at the Cathedral last evening, the programme comprising of some pieces from German masters and also selections from English composers.

Two items, "A Rose Breaks Into Bloom" (Brahms) and Parry's "The Old 104th" were given as choral preludes, following on which Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C. took his audience into the realm of the well-known German masters, playing, firstly Bach's Aria, from the Suite in D, and the familiar "Passepied" by the same author, the latter being charmingly and skilfully rendered.

The "Allégo Maestoso" (Rheinberger) was played in a way which left nothing to be desired. Equally pleasing was Mr. Mason's expression of the theme of Wolsteinholme's "Question" and "Answer," "Petite Pastorale" by a French composer a Spring Song, entitled "From the South" by Lemare; and Rowley's Rhapsody in D, constituted the remaining portion of a very enjoyable programme.

During the interval a collection was taken for the Cathedral Organ Fund.

BIG SCALE OFFENSIVE.

FENG CONCENTRATING ON TAININGFU.

Shanghai, Jan. 31.

All reliable information indicates that Feng Yu-hsiang has commenced a big scale offensive in the South Chihli region of Kinhan. He has withdrawn his troops from Hsuehchow which is left in the hands of Ho Ying-ching, and is concentrating all available forces against Tainingfu and Hantan.

After heavy fighting with the Chihli-Shantung forces the Kuomintang have taken Nanlo, fifteen miles south of Taining, which latter place the northerners are rapidly putting into a state of defence. There is no indication that Feng has yet taken Hantan, which is a hundred miles south of Shihchiachwang.—*Reuter.*

THE U.S. AIR ARM.

BIG EXPENDITURE FOR NEW PROGRAMME.

Washington, Jan. 31.

Before the House of Representatives Naval Committee, Captain John Gannell, the budget officer of the Aeronautics Bureau, stated that an expenditure of \$388,253,000 would be necessary for the purchase and maintenance of aircraft for the five aeroplane carriers, and 25 scout cruisers contemplated in the new warship construction programme.

Altogether 753 planes would be needed for the vessels themselves, and 731 more for replacement and training purposes.—*Reuter's American Service.*

JAPANESE GUARD.

200 BLUEJACKETS TO BE WITHDRAWN.

Tokyo, Jan. 31.

The Navy Office has ordered the withdrawal of 200 bluejackets from Tsingtao.—*Reuter.*



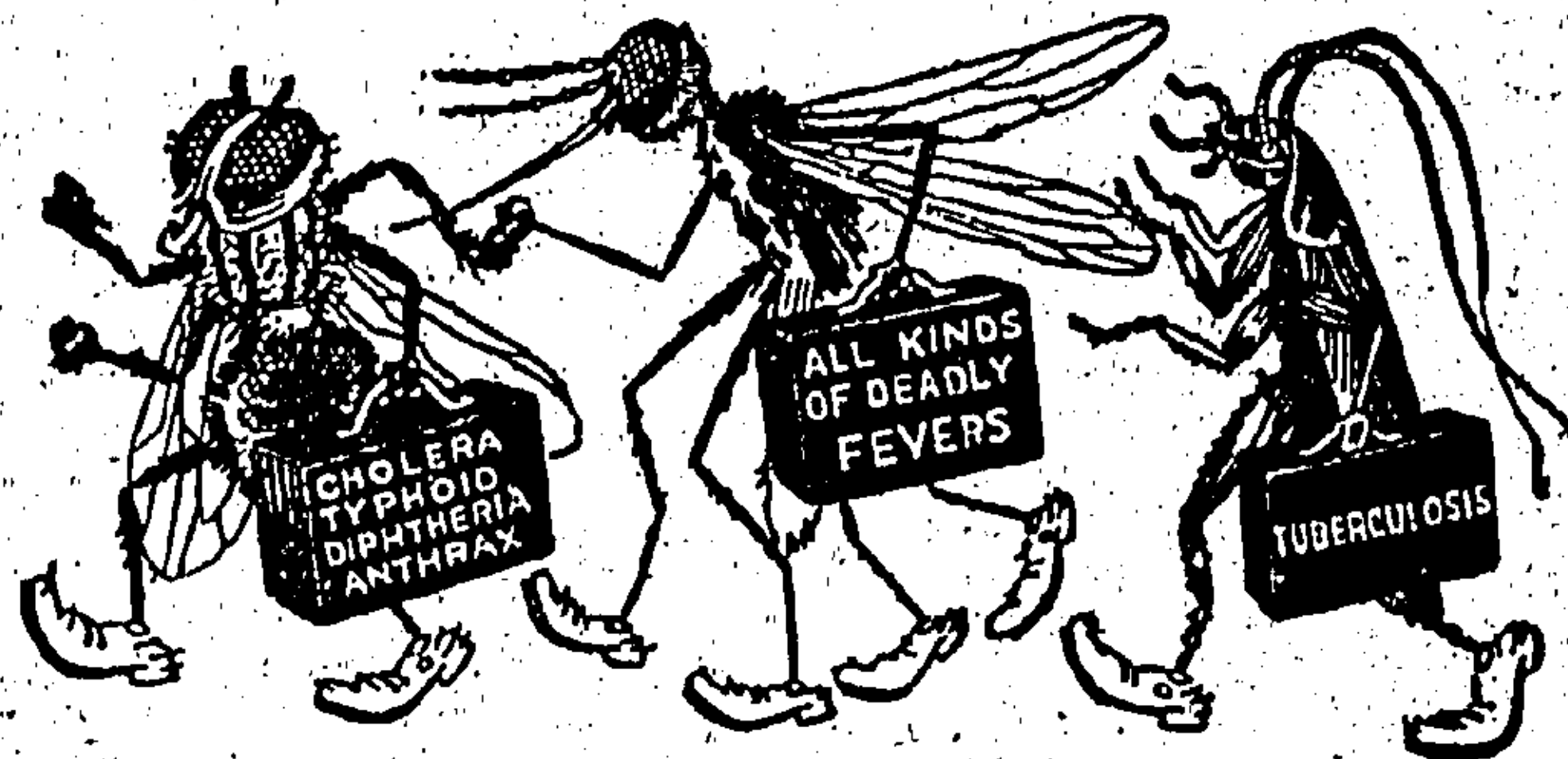
What have girls done with all the time they saved by bobbing their hair?

SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS IN 1928.



Jerusalem, Palestine.	March 19th-April 1st. Missionaries' World Congress.
London.	June 26th-July 7th. World's Dairy Congress.
Amsterdam, Holland.	July 28th-August 12th. Olympic Games.
Cambridge, England.	July 14th-25th. International Geographical Congress.
Munich, Bavaria.	July 26th-August 31st Wagner and Mozart Festival.
Vienna, Austria.	July. Festival of German Singing Federation.
Oslo, Norway.	August. International Congress of Historians.
Amsterdam, Holland.	August. International Physical Education Congress.
Budapest, Hungary.	September 3rd-9th. International Congress in regard to illness arising from employment and industrial accidents.
Sydney, Australia.	September 12th-17. Eucharistic Congress.
Japan.	November 7th or 8th. Coronation of His Majesty, The Emperor of Japan.

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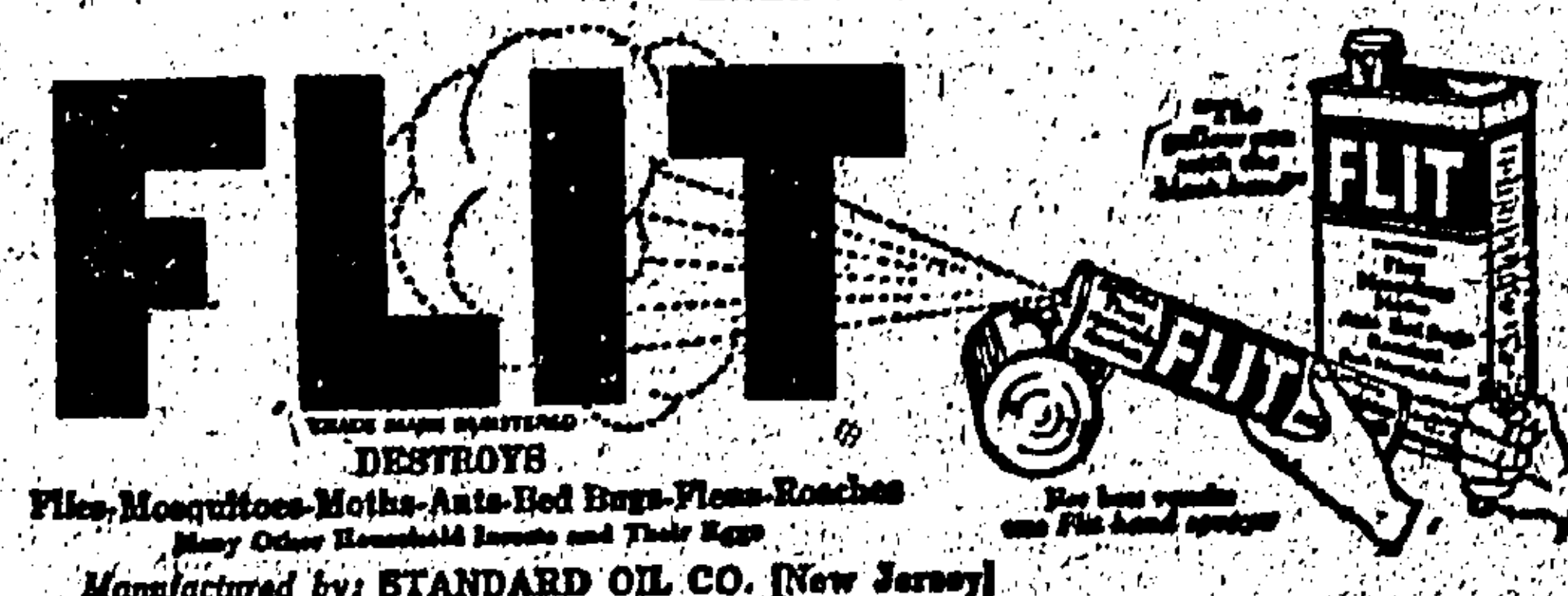


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UNFINISHED SYMPHONY: NEW PLAN.

FREEDOM FOR COMPOSERS IN £4,000 CONTEST.

At the suggestion of leading British musicians the scope of the £4,000 competition for the comple-

tion of Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony has been widened.

Composers are to be given absolute freedom. They may write works as an apotheosis of the genius of Schubert, write variations on Schubert's themes, and may use Schubert's sketches.

The adjudicators for the British

compositions will be Sir Hugh Allen, Sir Thomas Becham, Sir H. Walford Davies, Sir Alexander C. Mackenzie, and Professor Donald Tovey.

Of the total prize-money £2,000 is to go as first prize. Thousands of inquiries have already been received from composers in all parts of the world.

OUR NEW SERIAL

THE VANISHING VENGEANCE

By DOUGLAS NEWTON.

Author of "Double Crossed," "Low Ceilings,"
"Green Ladies," &c.

CHAPTER I.

The telephone bell rang.

Its sharp clangour cut short Otto Rigg's study of the morning paper, and put an end to Joyce Allyn's thoughts about the stranger. It also rang up the curtain of a reign of terror that was to sweep over the pretty countryside of Greenhayle—but neither Otto Rigg nor Joyce could know that.

Otto Rigg was reading the financial articles with the satisfaction of a man who enjoyed watching the process by which his thousands were turned into tens of thousands.

He was a creature of solid and tremendous fortune, as his house, The Pound, obviously advertised, but he also looked it himself.

Very square, massive, and heavy, with a face as square as the rest of him, he impressed the beholder with a cold, blunt sense of ruthless power. Confined by his grey and emotionless face, from which the little eyes stared straight and unwinking, one thought of him as a sort of graven idol of finance.

Joyce Allyn, whose very distant relationship to Otto Rigg had won for her the position of his confidential secretary, was conspicuously unlike him.

She was beautiful in a candid and intelligent way. She had a slim, quick figure, features that one knew to be adorable though one could not say why, and a skin which, without suggesting any of the advertisements of beauty soap, was glowing and exquisite.

Also she had no particular interest in the money articles, if she was waiting patiently with pencil and notebook to take down matters concerned with them. She was, on the other hand, intensely interested in the stranger.

She was both attracted and puzzled by this man. Who was he? What was he doing in Greenhayle? Why had he first talked to her and then—run away from her?

She had met him last night. She had been calling on Seward Gamlin for Otto Rigg, and just as she wheeled her bicycle through the gates of the drive she had run into the man.

He had asked her at once if this was Mr. Gamlin's house, and she had seen that he was a complete stranger. It was easy to mark the stranger in Greenhayle, where every cottager and householder was a friend—or enemy—and comings and goings were rare.

Yet, and this was part of the puzzle, though she felt certain the man did not belong to the district, he did, despite his initial question, know a great deal about Mr. Gamlin and his estate.

When she had told him that this was Mr. Gamlin's place, he had at once said: "Do you happen to know if he is at home?"

"Oh, yes," she had answered, "I've just left him."

He peered at her closely. She could make out his eyes, grey, steady, and curiously penetrating, under the brim of a hat pulled well down over his brow: "Does that mean he has his usual crowd of—er—bright friends with him?" he asked.

Joyce had laughed a little at that. Mr. Gamlin's bright friends, his sporting pals, and ladies of the stage were rather a by-word.

"No," she answered, without stopping to wonder at the strangeness of the other's remark. "You'll be quite free of them. He's alone."

"Thank you," said the man. He moved on for a couple of paces, turned, and called as though it was an afterthought, "He's in the study opening on to the bowls lawn, I suppose?"

She had answered "Yes" without thinking, because in a place like Greenhayle people did walk in on their friends unannounced, but later it seemed queer to her that a stranger would think of doing that.

She thought a good deal of him as she went through a list of calls in and about the village. He had from the first rather attracted her. He had a quick-moving, strong figure, of the sort she dubbed "clean." His accent had been pleasant, refined, and at the same time decidedly purposeful. She realised that he had a capacity for getting what he wanted out of people, for he had got quite a lot of information regarding Mr. Gamlin from her with but the barest possible effort.

Of his face she had seen but little. It was not merely that his collar had been up and his hat drawn down, but he had managed to secure the shadowy side of her bike lamp all the time. All she could remember was a suggestion of a lean face, curiously firm and resolute, with steady grey eyes.

She was still thinking of the man when, an hour later, that is, about 9.20, she saw him again.

She was taking a short cut across the bare common. Her road had skirted the unkempt grounds of a melancholy and lonely house, called locally The Dark House, and was topping a hill. On the road below her, and plainly to be seen on the bare ground under the light of the full moon, was the stranger.

She had no doubt about that well-set-up, quick-moving figure coming towards her. Indeed, she had intended to call out as she passed, asking him if he had seen Mr. Gamlin. When there was about a hundred yards between them, the road dipped, blotting out him and the view. When she rose out of the dip the man had gone.

He had vanished utterly. The road and bare common before her contained, apparently, no living soul. This was extraordinary, for there was no path he could have taken, and she would still see him if he had crossed the bare grass. To vanish like that he must have jumped off the road quickly, and hidden himself in some fold of the ground.

He had, obviously, deliberately run away from her, and was hiding in the hope that she had not seen him.

It was astonishing behaviour, and Joyce was startled by it. She had been puzzled by it ever since.

Why had the stranger run away from her? Who was he? What was he doing in Greenhayle? What kind of business could he have to make him act so suspiciously?

She had been turning this over for the hundredth time, when the fateful telephone bell rang.

Otto Rigg did not stir. Joyce answered, listened, expostulated, turned to her employer.

"Mr. Gamlin's butler wishes to speak to you. He refuses to give a reason or a message. He seems upset."

Otto Rigg rose, moved solidly to the telephone, said evenly and clearly, "I am speaking," and listened coldly, not a muscle of his square, greyish face moving.

"You are perfectly sure," he presently said over the phone without trace of feeling. "Oh, rigor mortis has already set in. . . But naturally you'd send for the doctor, my good man. . . Did he complain of anything? . . . Enjoyed perfect health as you say. . . And a very strong man. . . Yes, I agree, but it sometimes comes to strong men like that. . . For Heaven's sake don't begin the whole story now. . . Yes, I'll come at once, and Kyte, inform nobody else of this—yet."

Otto Rigg put down the telephone, and sat looking coldly and calmly at the wall in front of him. Joyce gazed at him with startled and horrified eyes. She had heard enough to know that Otto Rigg had just learnt of the sudden death of one of his closest friends, the man she had called on only last night. She herself was profoundly shocked at the unexpectedness of the tragedy. Otto Rigg's cold callousness horrified her.

In a moment he picked up the telephone again, and called up a number.

"Is Mr. Shanly there?" he asked. "Eh, that you, Hugo? Seward Gamlin's butler has just phoned me that Seward is dead. Yes, I've said it plainly—dead. My dear Hugo, don't be silly. . . No, I have no other information whatsoever. There's no excuse for your enjoying one of your punics. . . Death is a visitor that calls on all of us. . . It's called on Seward first, that's all. No, I haven't any theories or anything else, until I've been to Seward's house. Yes, that's why I'm ringing you up. . . I'll call on my way. Yes, we'll keep this to ourselves for the moment. . . The others can hear and condole—later."

Joyce and her note-book travelled with Otto Rigg in his car. On the way to Hugo Shanly they passed The Bottom, the home of Henry Maker, but no call was made. This with Otto Rigg's determination to leave "the others" out of it for the time being, was strange. To Joyce it was part and parcel of his curious and horrible attitude towards a tragedy so startling and personal as to numb her.

If ever there was a close-knit "set" it was that little band of immensely rich men known secretly to the rest of Greenhayle as "The Old Consolidateds." There were five of them, Otto Rigg, Hugo Shanly, Seward Gamlin, who was just dead, Henry Maker and James Fedden. Otto Rigg was their undoubted leader and master force.

They were called "The Old Consolidateds," though not to their faces, because they had all been directors of that great but ill-fated trading venture Consolidated Exploitations.

The term was one of affection, even pride. It was a tribute to men, who, in spite of the disaster

TESTING OF AVIATION RECRUITS.

REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL RESULTS ACHIEVED.

London, Jan. 16. Remarkably successful results in the testing of aviation recruits by mechanical agency have been achieved.

The flying altitude testing apparatus, technically known as "Reid's Reaction Apparatus," consists of an aeroplane cockpit, fitted with a control stick, rudder-bar and a row of instruments.

It has undergone tests by the Royal Air Force.

The pupil is placed in the cockpit and is given directions from which he has to make the necessary deductions and perform the appropriate movements.

The latter, together with the time taken, are automatically recorded on a graph, which the official report describes as an "extraordinarily accurate index."

U.S. PROHIBITION AGENTS.

MANY FAIL TO PASS EXAMINATION.

Washington, Jan. 15. The Prohibition Commissioner, Mr. Ryan, is distressed because 1,500 out of his force of 2,000 agents have failed to pass the Civil Service Examination legally required of them.

Mr. Ryan fears that the dismissal of the delinquents may be ordered. He asks whether an easier examination is not possible and says that he could not have passed this one himself.

He is of opinion that the men should be accepted owing to their character, experience and personality, not because they can pass a written test.

which had overtaken them, had not been crushed, but had, with unexampled grit and cleverness, begun all over again and replaced the fortunes which they had lost with greater fortunes.

No blame was attached to these five directors. They too had suffered just as the poorest shareholder of Consolidated Exploitations had suffered. All had been the victims of a rogue. To put it briefly, the sixth director had absconded with practically all the available capital. He and money to the amount of several millions had vanished, into South America, it was thought, and neither had even been seen again.

The widespread ruin this piece of brilliant scoundrelism had brought about had moved the whole world to passionate indignation. But none of this had fallen on the five directors, who had remained to bear the brunt of their companion's ugly crime. As all inquiry tended to settle the blame on the absconding director, so it tended to clear them. They had emerged from the bad business without a stain on any of their characters, even they had won sympathy and admiration as men who had stood fast though ruin and prison threatened them.

The admiration was justified. All of them very soon had shown their capacity, and all had quickly made great fortunes in other ventures. It was, perhaps, only natural that they should all group their homes together at Greenhayle, round that of Otto Rigg, who had been the Chairman of Directors in their ill-fated company.

It was natural, though nobody could say that the five rich men were really good companions. There was even, it seemed, a sense of constraint and hostility evident when they met together. Well, maybe, that was to be expected, too. People grow away from each other, irritable with each other, as they go on. Yet the old bond born of facing danger shoulder to shoulder held them together, though they had grown to a distaste of each other's society.

Joyce thought that this might be the explanation why "the others" were not informed of Gamlin's death at once.

Hugo Shanly was at his lodge gates ready for them. That was like him. He could not bear to wait. His long, excessively thin body always gave the impression that it was writhing with nervous apprehension. Deadly pale even as to hair and eyes, he had the nervous, sharp-nosed manner of a white weasel.

He scrambled into the car in a frantic manner, and began talking of Gamlin's unexpected death at once, as though it were a matter of tremendous suspicion.

Otto Rigg said, "Shut up, Hugo." And in the wind screen Joyce saw him make a significant gesture. His head nodded towards the chauffeur and herself sitting beside the chauffeur, and it indicated unmistakably that Hugo was to be careful and not utter things that it would be dangerous for the chauffeur and herself to overhear. (To be continued.)

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

THE NINETEENTH HOLE IN GOLF.

LIQUOR A BENEFIT.

Alcohol has the peculiar power of depressing the higher mental centres. Therefore, a player who is too intent may sometimes be benefited by a small dose of alcohol.

Dr. Theodore B. Hyslop, who happens to have been on occasion president of the Society for the Study of Inebriety, believes that neither golf nor mental efficiency is enhanced by practice at the "Alcohol" as the nineteenth is not infrequently called.

The ideal mental stance is tranquillity with equanimity. Among some of the factors likely to disturb the player's equilibrium are waiting about on the tee or green. Many players become so impatient or fretful over delay that their game is ruined for the day.

Of course the sensible man will school himself against such an attitude. The swing, the stance, and indeed all the physical operations associated with play should be largely automatic but always reason must be dominant because it is responsible for judgment and discrimination.

Reason and Habit. The neurologists who have studied golf are convinced that experience is nothing in putting, but everything in the rest of the game. Anybody who is good at games gen-

COMING SOON.



Elsie Stoller and Carol Loyett, two of the girls of the Banvard Musical Comedy Company, which opens a season at the Theatre Royal on February 6th.

erally can putt like a professional with but a little practice, but the driver, brassie or mashie constitute different problems.

The man full of fear is likely to putt short; so will the man who thinks that the length of his putt is a matter settled by fate. The right attitude according to Hyslop is one of determination, the will to act effectively. Such a player says to the ball, "Now, you little devil, down you go"—and it does. Golf is not a game of chance but of consciously guided effort.

Stabilized Effort. The purpose of practice at any stroke or at any physical action is to stabilize the effort. Then the movement becomes a matter of the subconscious and time. Such the same way every action is modified by the reasoning control. "The reasoning roller," says Hyslop, "will subjugate his fears by confidence, and his fatalism by determination."

As far as I am concerned, nothing bothers me as much as playing with an opponent who waggles interminably when addressing the ball. Professionals seldom if ever waggle.

The only possible help a waggle can be to a golfer is to help him hypnotize himself into correct timing of his stroke. It may irritate or bore his friends, and sometimes ruin their play by causing them unconsciously to imitate the waggle.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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SOME SHANGHAI TOPICS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

copper harvest because few Chinese could resist outstretched hands and importunate voices at a time of year when it is regarded as necessary to propitiate the gods by bestowing largesse on the mendicant section of the community.

It may not be generally known that the beggars of Shanghai boast a monarch of their own who rejoices in the title of "King of the Beggars" to whom tribute is paid by his subjects month in and month out. He exercises despotic sway over his little kingdom, and a stern code of ethics all their own is adhered to, non-compliance with which invites expulsion from its honourable domain.

This regal personage initiated his subjects in all manner of tricks by way of swelling the revenue flowing into the Beggar King's exchequer. For example, during the Chinese New Year the edifying spectacle was witnessed of an entire beggar family, consisting of mother, father and five small children, taking possession of a definite area in the Hongkew district, the father directing his little army like a general and supervising the collection with an eagle eye.

Passing of An Ancient Landmark. There is a touch of sadness attached to the act of doing anything for the last time, and so there was a note of melancholy in the proceedings at the Masonic Hall on the Bund the other day when both the Masonic Club and various Lodges had to move out bag and baggage to their new home in rented premises within a stone's throw so as to ensure the demolition of the old masonic property at the stipulated time in accordance with the terms of the purchase agreement concluded with the N.Y.K. interests.

The three owning Lodges with whom the disposition of the money acquired by the sale of the property rests—the Northern Lodge of China, the Royal Sussex Lodge and the Tuscan Lodge—have not yet decided the question of rebuilding a new Temple and for the time being will hold rituals in the rented premises in Yuen Ming Yuen Road in which the Masonic Club will also be housed.

Aside from the sense of loss felt from the viewpoint of sentimental associations, the new premises are actually more commodious and of a modern type ensuring greater comfort all round. It was fitting that the inaugural ceremony should be performed by one who, next to Mr. Brodie Clarke, is the oldest living Freemason in China, in the person of Mr. A. M. A. Evans, who threw the minds of the gathering back to the misty days of January 1832 when the question first came up of the formation of a Masonic Club.

Mr. Evans, with his keen sense of humour, asked any of those in attendance who were present at that meeting in January 1832 to stand up, and there being no response to the invitation, it was patent that Mr. Evans should have to play a sole part. His reminiscences were like a breath from the eighties.

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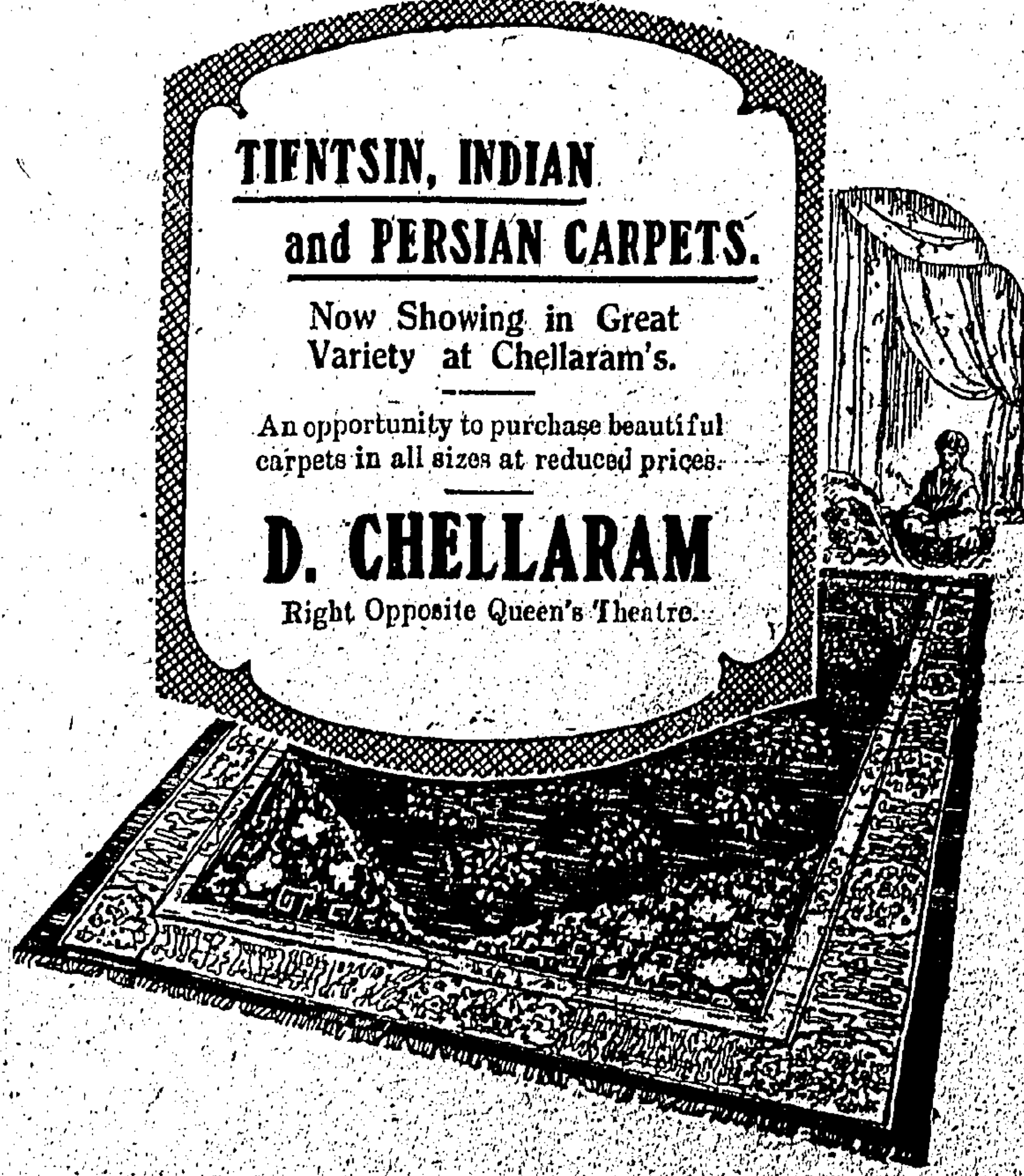
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EMPERESS OF CANADA	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	Apr. 24	Apr. 27	May 6	May 6
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 9	May 12	May 15	May 18	May 27	May 27
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 30	June 2	June 5	June 8	June 17	June 17
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GARAGE CLERK SUED.

FRIENDLY LOAN FROM INDIAN WATCHMAN.

Before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, Bhag Singh, an ex-employee of the Hongkong Hotel Garage, sued a clerk in the same Garage named Li Sheung-lu for the sum of \$50 being money lent to the defendant under an I.O.U.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who appeared for the plaintiff, said that the case was rather different from the ordinary, because the plaintiff was not a money lender and was not registered as such. The reason why the parties were thrown together was that they were employed at the same Garage, the plaintiff being a watchman and the defendant a clerk.

At present the plaintiff was a guard at the Victoria Goal and Mr. Russ believed that the defendant was still a clerk in the Garage. The two points in the case which Mr. Russ said were really important were (1) whether plaintiff was a money lender and (2) whether the defendant was the man to whom the money was lent.

In the witness box the plaintiff said that he lent the defendant \$50 on December 15, 1927. At the time no discussion took place as to interest. A friend of the defendant wrote out an I.O.U. which the plaintiff signed. The defendant was to return the money at the end of the month, but on being approached on that day he failed to do so. On January 15 plaintiff approached the defendant again and, failing to get a return of his money took the matter to the Court.

The defendant Li, in the witness box gave his version of the loan. He said that he, as clerk, had to keep a book called the "Cars In and Out" book and added that the plaintiff also had to keep a similar book for cars coming in and going out between midnight and the next day.

It was customary for the defendant to write on plaintiff's book every morning the words "checked by Li." One day, the plaintiff approached him and asked him to sign his name in full on defendant's book. Li did as was requested, especially as the Indian explained that he was curious to know how Li spelled his name. Li suggested that the Indian tore that page off the book, and filled in the I.O.U. which was before the Court.

His Lordship asked Mr. Russ if he would like to cross-examine, to which Mr. Russ replied: "It does seem to me a disgraceful thing that people should be allowed to come into your Lordship's court and lie like this, if I may say so with great respect."

His Lordship told the defendant that he disbelieved his story and gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

The defendant repeated that he did not borrow any money from the Indian at any time, to which his Lordship replied, "I told you I don't believe what you say."

HEAVY FINES.

RESULT OF TRIAD SOCIETY CASE.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Major C. Willson, 14 Chinese were charged in connexion with a Triad Society. The first defendant was charged with being a member, being in possession of unlawful documents pertaining to it, and, together with the remaining 13 defendants, with assembling for an unlawful purpose. Detective Inspector Lane, prosecuted and the defence was conducted by Mr. Gordon Lenak and Mr. D. McCallum.

The first defendant was fined \$100 and his father agreed to sign a bond for \$100 for 12 months to guarantee his son's behaviour. The second and third defendants were sentenced to three months' hard labour without the option of fines. Two others were fined \$50 each and ordered to sign bonds for \$100 for one year to ensure their good behaviour, and the remainder were each fined \$100.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Police Reserve orders by the C.S.P. state:

L/Sergt. R.25 Tsui Kwing-kong is promoted to be Cr. Sergeant with effect from the 23rd January 1928.

Constable R.18 Hwang Hong-yeh is appointed L/Sergeant with effect from the 23rd January 1928.

Constable R.66 Cheng Shuk-ki is appointed L/Sergeant with effect from the 23rd January 1928.

Flying Squad.

Constable R.333 B. C. Randall is appointed Cr. Sergeant with effect from the 23rd January 1928.

L/Sergt. R.310 P. O. Feuster resigns from the Flying Squad to date 23rd January 1928.

Sharpshooters' Co.

P. O. Feuster has enrolled in the Sharpshooters' Co. with the rank of L/Sergeant (supernumerary).

Rifle Practice—The Practice on Sunday, February 5th, has had to be cancelled as the Range will be required for the Defence Corps that day. The Practice will take place on Sunday, the 19th February, at 10.00 a.m.

Instruction in Revolver Shooting.—A class for this purpose will be held at the Office of the O. C. Sharpshooters' Co. Government Laboratory, New Fire Station Building, 4th Floor, every Monday from 5.00 to 6.30 p.m.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol will start from the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.
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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godowns, and all Goods remaining undischarged after the 6th February, will be subject to rent.

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OIL RESTRICTION.

AGREEMENT IN OILFIELDS OF OKLAHOMA.

Tulsa, Jan. 31.

The operators in the Greater Seminole oilfield, in Oklahoma, reviewing their decision of last July, have agreed to extend the present shut-down regulations to April 1.—Reuter's American Service.

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	29th Feb.	Straits & Bombay
MACDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
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OBITUARY.**FORMER CHAIRMAN OF CHINA ASSOCIATION.**

The death occurred on January 23, of Sir Charles John Dudgeon, who, with Lady Dudgeon, made his home in Italy since 1914.

Sir Charles Dudgeon was born in 1855, son of the late Patrick Dudgeon, of Cargen, Dumfries, and was educated at Repton, and College Hall, St. Andrews University. In 1884 he married the daughter of the late Major-General W. C. O'Shaughnessy.

He came to Shanghai at a very early age, probably before he was 21, and joined the firm of McIntosh and Co. Leaving McIntosh and Co., Mr. Dudgeon founded a firm of his own in company with another Scotsman, but after a short time this became defunct, and he joined Ibert and Co. Of this firm he ultimately became senior partner, being succeeded on his retirement by Mr. F. Anderson.

Volunteer, Fireman and Sportsman.

In the meantime he identified himself strongly with the life of the community. A keen paper hunter, he was always prominent in the field, although he never went in for racing. At the same time he was an enthusiastic volunteer, having joined "A" Co., soon after he arrived in Shanghai and about 1891, rose to the rank of captain. He served in the Fire Brigade, being a member of Victoria Co., No. 7; was President of St. Andrew's Society, while in his earlier days in the port he was an enthusiastic rowing man, being one of a winning Scottish International four. Subsequently his favourite recreations were fishing, shooting and golf.

He was one of the pioneers of British cotton spinning in China, being instrumental in the foundation of the Lao Kung Mow cotton mill, at about the time the Ewo and Oriental mills were founded.

The Mackay Treaty.

In 1901 Sir Charles was appointed Assistant-British Commissioner for the Revision of Commercial Treaties with China, and it was as a result of his signal services in this connexion that he was created a knight in 1903. The treaty in particular with which the late Sir Charles has been identified was that negotiated by Sir James Mackay (now Lord Inchcape), Commissioner, which was concluded on September 5, 1902, and represented an endeavour to deal with a matter of the utmost commercial concern, like.

Leaving Shanghai in 1904, Sir Charles continued to take a very keen interest in China, with reference to the affairs of which he was very conversant, and he did a vast amount of work for the benefit of those trading here through the China Association, of which he became chairman in 1911. Latterly he had not been in the best of health, and was, in fact, paralysed for a number of years, and had resided principally in Italy. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, who is now the Marchesa Clair Rappini di Castel Delfino.

On leaving Shanghai, Sir Charles presented to the Cathedral the records which remains there to-day.

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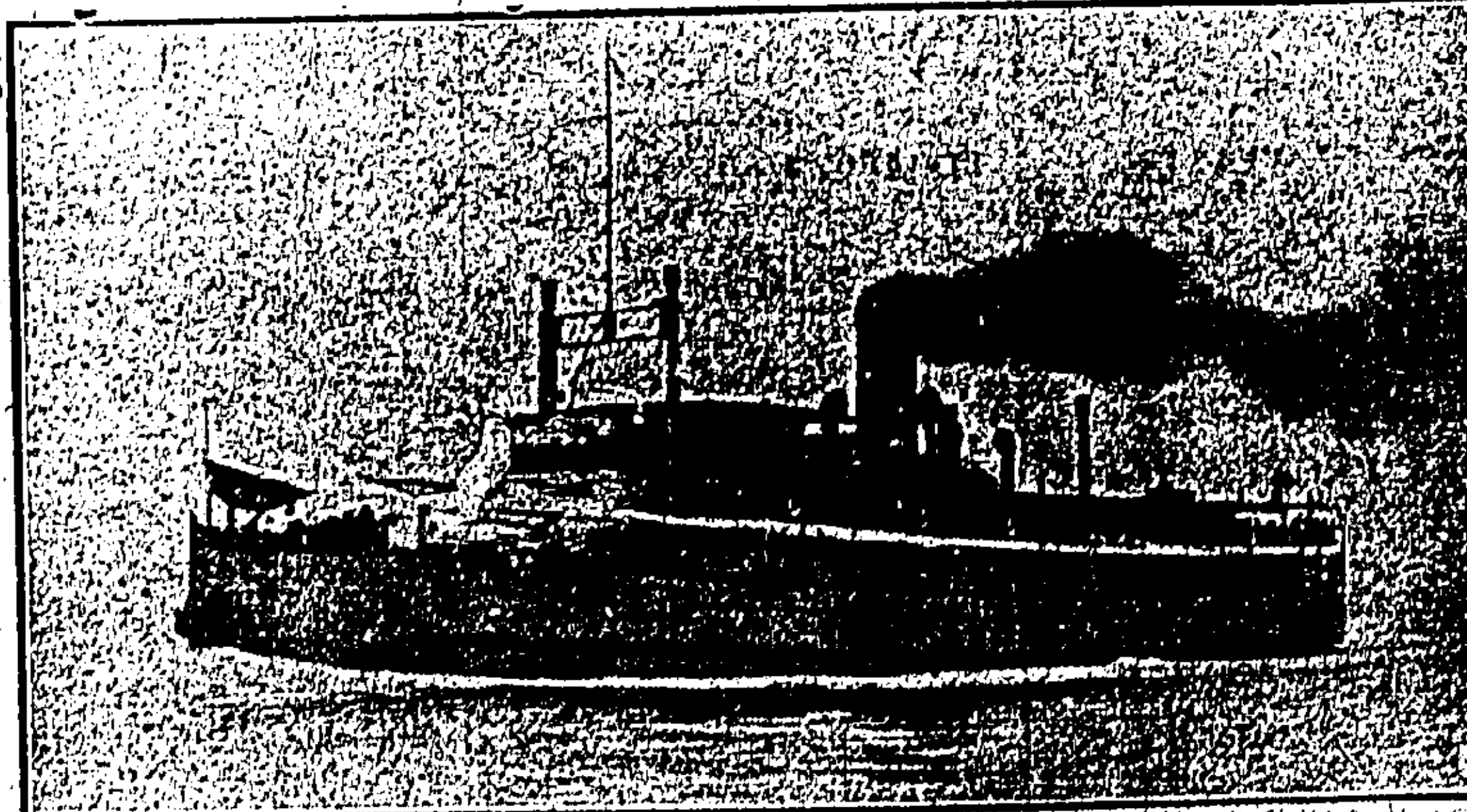
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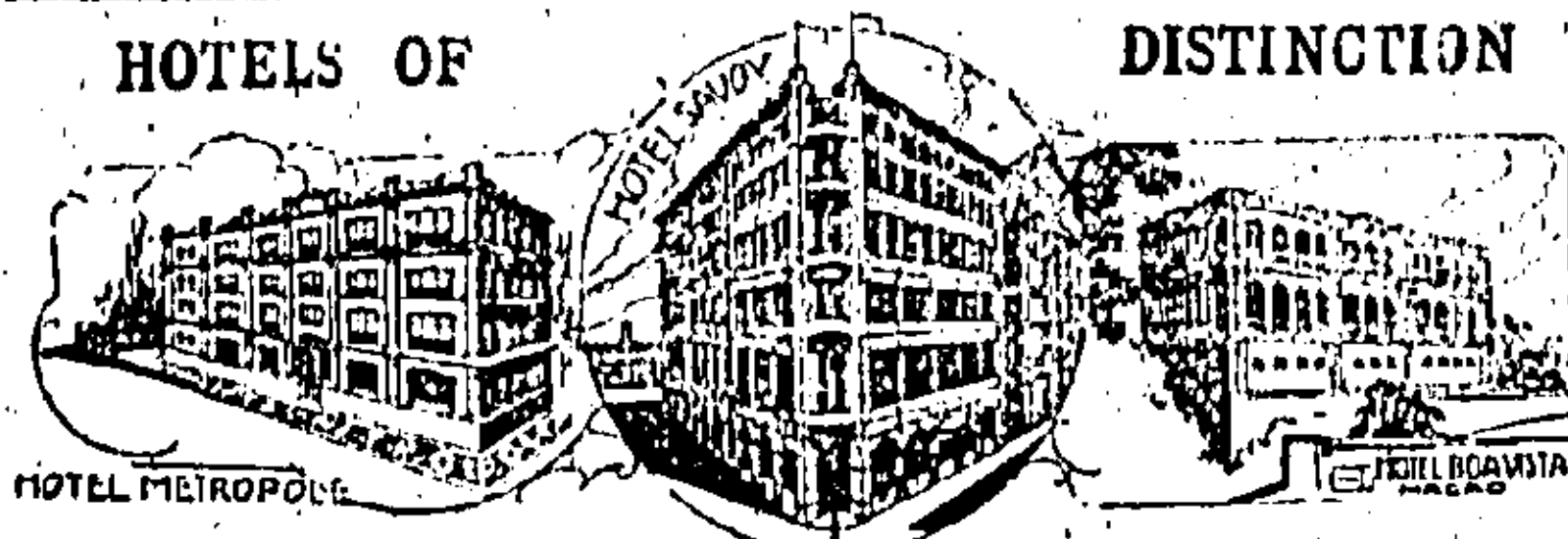
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THE KUOMINTANG
CONFERENCE.

PRELIMINARY MEETING HELD
AT NANKING.

CLEARING THE ISSUES.

Shanghai, Feb. 1.
The joint meeting of the Central Executive Committee and the Supervisory Committee of the Kuomintang was held at 3 p.m. yesterday at the Central Kuomintang Headquarters at Nanking. There were present thirteen C.E.C. members and six from the Supervisory Committee. The meeting was presided over by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

In his opening speech, Marshal Chiang reported that both the country and the Kuomintang are falling into a most critical state, and the difficulties could only be settled by convening the 4th General Conference. He added:—"The cause of postponement of the Conference is the impeachment case against the C.E.C. members which has long been insisted upon by the Supervisory Committee. The purpose for holding this joint meeting is to settle this affair in order to facilitate the opening of the conference."

Mr. Tsai Yuan-pu, on behalf of the Supervisory Committee, said they are not strongly insisting on the impeachment case and were willing to discuss the whole problem frankly.

Finally, the meeting decided that five Canton C. E. C. members, comprising Mrs. Liao Chung-kai, Messrs. Chan Shu-yen, Wang Fuchen, Wang Lok-ping and Pun Wan-chiu, who are considered not to have been implicated in the recent Canton region of terror, should be allowed to attend the Preliminary Meeting of the 4th Conference at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

It is reported that these five members have all promised to attend to-morrow's meeting.—Nam Chung Pao.

PORK BUTCHERS
FINED.ILLEGAL SLAUGHTERING OF
PIGS.

Fines of \$10 were imposed by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on two butchers of Main Street, Kowloon City, charged by Sanitary Inspector Aslett, with slaughtering swine in a place other than the Slaughter House.

Both defendants pleaded guilty. Inspector Aslett said that the first defendant slaughtered two pigs on January 23, while the second defendant had not utilised the slaughter house for killing pigs since the strike of 1925. Pigs were found on the premises of both defendants on January 25.

SOVIET PROPOSALS IN
S. AMERICA.SERIES OF "ARCOS HOUSES"
PLANNED.

Montevideo, Jan. 31.
Soviet commercial envoys here state that the Russian Government intends to open a commercial agency in Buenos Aires with branches in several other South American cities.

Apparently it is intended to establish places on similar lines to Arcos House, which was raided in London last year.—Reuter's American Service.

THE COURTSHIP OF AN
EX-MAHARAJA.

AT CHATEAU IN SUBURBS
OF PARIS.

The Indore correspondent of the Bombay Chronicle gives the following account of the love affairs of the ex-Maharaja of Indore:

The ex-Maharaja was introduced to Miss Miller in Lucerne and not at San Francisco, by one of his staff, M. Béccler, a foreigner, whom the ex-Maharaja had met at Mussorie (India).

At Lucerne, the ex-Maharaja met Miss Miller often.

In order to enjoy more privacy while courting Miss Miller, the ex-Maharaja went to Paris, leaving the junior Maharane alone at Lucerne.

The ex-Maharaja, it is reported, purchased a chateau in the suburbs of Paris and carried on his courting there.

Costly Sarees Purchased.

I am told (says the correspondent) that Mr. Rashid's daughter used to dress Miss Miller up in sarees like a Hindu girl. Costly sarees were purchased for Miss Miller.

Some months were thus spent in courting at Paris, the Maharane, in the meantime, remaining ignorant of what was going on.

Miss Miller induced her fiancé to visit California, the place of her birth. She preceded the ex-Maharaja, and met him on his arrival at New York. They travelled extensively in America, visiting Salt Lake City, the city of the Mormons, and San Francisco, then came to Los Angeles.

The Maharane was not aware of the romance, and was expecting the arrival of the ex-Maharaja, her husband, at Lucerne, when she received a cable from him asking her to return to Indore.

The ex-Maharaja's entourage were fully aware of this new love affair.

In August, the ex-Maharaja sent for his two brothers-in-law to obtain their consent to the new marriage and the proposal to converting his new sweetheart into the Dhangar caste, to which he himself belongs.

Correspondence was also opened with the Hindu Missionary Society of India for the conversion of Miss Miller into the Hindu fold.

Conversion Arrangements.

The correspondent adds that an officer of Indore had gone to Nasik, under instructions from the ex-Maharaja, to seek the assistance of a Hindu priest to convert Miss Miller to Hinduism, and for this purpose he has been paid Rs. 30,000 and promised the post of secretary to the ex-Maharaja.

Other household officers are busy buying clothes and jewellery for the American bride. The ex-Maharaja's conduct in Paris accounts for the refusal of the authorities to grant permission to his son, the present Maharaja, Prince Yeshwant Rao Holkar, and his sister, Princess Manoramabai, to visit ex-Maharaja in Paris.

AN OFFICIAL VISIT.

MR. KELLOGG LEAVING
FOR OTTAWA.

Washington, Jan. 31.
Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, the U. S. Secretary of States, is leaving for Ottawa on Sunday on an official visit, returning the recent visit to Washington of Lord Willingdon, the Governor-General of Canada, and Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier.—Reuter's American Service.

BENZINE STORE
BLAZE.

CHINESE KILLED IN SINGAPORE
OUTBREAK.

GOOD BRIGADE WORK.

The bursting of an electric light bulb in a motor cycle accessories and benzine store in Rochore Road, Singapore, last Saturday night resulted in a benzine explosion that killed one man and injured two others.

The promptitude with which a policeman on beat duty informed the Central Fire Station enabled the Brigade to get to the scene before the whole premises were involved. However, it was a near thing, for the back portion of the premises, where the explosion took place, was an impenetrable mass of flame, and it was only by speedy and efficient action that the firemen were able to check the flow of flaming petrol—which had already reached the front portion of the shop and attacked a row of show cases—before it reached other stores of benzine opposite the show cases in the same room.

Child's Fortunate Escape.

The staircase to the first floor led from that portion of the house where the fire broke out, and just as the firemen were getting it under control one of the people in the shop raised an alarm that a child had been trapped inside. It did not seem possible that the child could have lived through it, but a dash was made through the remains of the fire and the alarm proved a false one, for the lad managed to get over the back wall upstairs into the next house, where he was found unharmed.

The building is the third one on the right hand side of Rochore Road, looking in the direction of the Canal, from the Victoria Street junction. The man who was killed and one of the injured men were standing almost immediately under the electric light when it burst. There was an immediate explosion of benzine, and the men were caught before they were aware of what had happened, one of them succumbing to his injuries in hospital that night.

Not Properly Put Out.

It is noteworthy that the fire for which the Brigade was summoned was not the one that originated immediately from the explosion. That was put out completely, as the people on the premises thought; and their further effort was centred in getting the injured man away to hospital in an ambulance. In the meantime the ineffectually extinguished fire developed unawares, and the place when the Fire Brigade arrived was a mass of flame.

While the fire was being fought it was noticed that flaming benzine was running along the floor, involving the show cases on that side. Along the wall on the opposite side a large quantity of benzine was stored, and the consequences if this had been ignited may be imagined. Fortunately this did not occur, and a hose on the burning show cases effectually dealt with danger from that direction. After this the fire was soon got under control, and the building saved, the loss not mounting to more than \$500.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—
1. Clifford Mills and John Ramsey, music by Flower Quiller. 2. Twenty-one days. 3. Formerly they were sellers of conical apples; cattle mangers. 4. Fifty-two years old. 5. Chopin's "Nocturne" on the Embankment. 6. Two shillings an ounce. 7. The great Protestant reformer of the sixteenth century. 8. A system of shorthand. 9. Fitch for snail. 10. Gold; diamonds; coal; marble. 11. Five and a half to six pips. 12. Because the millstone grit used for grinding edges is found in the neighbourhood.

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